

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
2007 ATTENDANCE RECORD

	January	April	July	October	called 6/4/07
Fran Lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jo Ellen Childers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corwin Mokler	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cecil Bentley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Svea Bogue	✓	✓	✓	excused	absent
Chris Caldwell	✓	excused	✓	excused	absent
Ann Dunn	✓	✓	✓	✓	excused
Wallace Eberhard	✓	✓	excused		✓
John Gaither	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bucilla Hawks-Bradley	excused	absent			absent
Diane Kohl	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charles Kauderer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
William Prokasy	✓	✓	excused	✓	✓
Linda Reynolds	excused	excused	✓	✓	excused
John Timmons	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anjanette Williams	✓	✓	✓	excused	✓

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
2007 ATTENDANCE RECORD

	January	April	July	October
William Prokasy	✓	✓		
Howard Shapiro	<i>excused</i>	✓		
Logan Mathis	✓	✓		
Gerald Ingram	✓	<i>excused</i>		
Libby Murray	<i>excused</i>	<i>excused</i>		
Fern Coutant	✓	✓		
Priscilla Gothard	<i>excused</i>	✓		
Wayne Miller	✓	✓		
Art Zimmerman	✓	✓		
Janet Stratton	✓	✓		
Phyllis Luke	✓	✓		
Ann Dunn		✓		
Fran Lane	✓	✓		
John Timmons	✓	<i>excused</i>		
Vacant Tom Gresham	✓	✓		
Greg Jones	✓	✓		

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
January 9, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Eberhard, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Ms. Hawks-Bradley and Ms. Reynolds were excused. Also present were staff members Ms. Wright, Ms. Harrison, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of October 10, 2006 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion and second from Ms. Kohl and Mr. Eberhard.

The agenda was unanimously adopted and new members were introduced

Financial Report. Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report for information purposes. We are halfway through the fiscal year and are right about where we should be in both revenues and expenditures. The workers compensation and insurance monies will be spent next quarter when the policies renew. The passport revenues are the total since we began in October 2005. This money is not budgeted and may be needed next year when we have no SPLOST money.

There was no public comment.

Staff Report: Kisha Wright, and Dorothy Harrison, Branch Managers of East Athens and Lay Park Resource Centers, reported about the Center's activities. Both of them felt that the libraries, small though they are, are making a big difference in both communities. They both also expressed gratitude to the board for the new books they have received.

Committee Reports followed

1. Building Committee – Ms. Dunn, reported that St. Mary's Hospital had requested leasing 10-12 parking spaces while their renovation continues. The Board asked for more information and asked the Committee to email the information they obtain.
A Pre-application was submitted to the Mayor for her signature indicating that our library intends to apply for a \$3 million state grant. There is a meeting January 26 with the architects and all board members are invited.
2. Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue noted the Friends are gearing up for the annual Book Sale and are in need of at least 10,000 sq. ft of building space for 3 weeks. The "We Love our Libraries" book which our Friends contributed to was shared. A Friend will attend Legislative day.
3. Public Relations – A packet of recent PR was enclosed.
4. Winterville – no report as Ms. Reynolds was not present.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had her written report but highlighted the fact that once again libraries will try to convince the legislature to spend a "Buck for Books". Hopefully we will be able to at least hit 71 cents per capita. Gail Firestone is retiring in March and Mrs. Ames reported her frustration in finding suitable applicants. She also mentioned that she'd learned at the Director's meeting last week that there will be a new unfunded mandate regarding Joshua's Law—for teenagers to access by computer the Joshua's law curriculum to receive a driver's license. Mrs. Ames also presented each board member with a copy of the new Trustee's Manual published by GPLS.

Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting were shared with board members.

Unfinished Business.

1. Mrs. Blake reported that a new digital phone system was purchased and installed from Digitel at a cost of \$39,627.90 at the end of November, 2006. The phone bills should become cheaper as each line is about \$.25. We were also able to install 6 cordless phones for use at public service desks.

2. Ms. Childers presented a revised Unruly Behavior Policy from the Policy Committee. It has been reorganized and Section D is the new part which the police department recommended. The policy was unanimously passed after an amendment suggested by Mr. Prokasy.

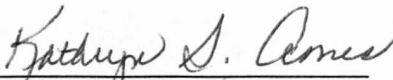
New Business.

The FY08 budget was presented to the board by Mr. Mokler, Chair of the Finance Committee. After some discussion about each of its components it was unanimously passed on a motion and second from Mr. Prokasy and Mr. Eberhard.

Other Business

Ms. Lane suggested approaching the Board of Education and asking officially for an easement from the back of the building to the edge of the sidewalk by the soccer field. This could be used for staff parking and overflow parking for soccer and football games from the school. The board authorized Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Ames to move forward in discussions with the Board of Education on this issue on a motion and second from Ms. Bogue and Ms. Dunn. Mr. Timmons suggested that we ask if the Board of Education would just deed it to us, then we would have all the responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 on a motion and second from Ms. Bogue and Mr. Mokler.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA

Jan 9, 2007

Call to order.

Introduce New Members.

*Minutes of October 10, 2006 meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Public Comment(5 minute limit)

Staff Report: Kisha Wright, East Athens
Dorothy Harrison, Lay Park

Committee Reports.

- 1.Finance Committee
- 1.Building Committee -pre-application due 2/15/07
request for parking from St. Mary's
- 1.Friends of the Library
- 2.Public Relations - see packet
- 3.Winterville

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

Report of purchase of new telephone system from Digitel
*Unruly Behavior Policy

New Business.

*Adopt FY 08 Athens-Clarke County Budget

Other business.

Property Easement

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Legislative Day: February 13, 2007
Next meeting: April ~~20~~, 2007
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SPLOST EXPENDITURES BUDGETED AND ACTUAL

TIER	BUDGET	CARRIED FROM PRIOR YEAR	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	ACTUAL	REMAINING	
TIER I FY2005	130,000.00			127,812.48	2,187.52	*CARRIED OVER TO FY2006
TIER II FY2006	130,000.00	2,187.52	132,187.52	110,709.03	21,478.49	*CARRIED OVER TO FY2007
TIER III FY2007	130,000.00	21,478.49	151,478.49	86,564.56	64,913.93	
TIER IV FY 2008	-			-		
TIER V FY2009	151,000.00	-	151,000.00 PLUS CARRY OVER FY07/08	-		
TIER VI FY2010	130,000.00	-	130,000.00 PLUS CARRY OVER FY2009			

Athens-Clarke County Proposal FY2008 Highlights

PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES

Total cost of increasing 17 Part-time Employees to \$7.15/hour	\$ 8,921.23
Cost of Benefits @ 33.65% of gross salaries for Full-time employees and 7.65% for all other employees	\$ 308,573.00
5% Salary increase for all staff (with the exception of those part-time employees including in number 1)	\$ 1,466,311.00

OTHER BUDGET ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

PINEWOODS RESOURCE CENTER	
Operating Costs (includes rent and utilities only)	\$ 22,287.00
Cost of Materials FY2008	\$ 850,000.00
Electricity Cost increase	\$ 5,000.00

Athens-Clarke County Proposed Budget FY2008

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<i>Revenue:</i>	FY2007 Amount	FY2008 Amount	Variance	% inc.
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,556,584.00	1,742,140.00	185,556.00	11.92%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	13,000.00	-	
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	70,000.00	-	
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,950.00	-	
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	
Winterville Copy	125.00	125.00	-	
Interest	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	
Totals	1,663,659.00	1,849,215.00	185,556.00	

<i>Expenditures:</i>	Budget Amount			
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	-	
Wages/Benefits	1,400,763.00	1,475,232.00	74,469.00	\$8921 to get 15 employees to \$7.15/hour
Solinet	1,200.00	-	(1,200.00)	plus 5% increase
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	
Telephone	14,000.00	14,000.00	-	
Postage	6,825.00	6,825.00	-	
Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	
Advertising	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	
Supplies	29,171.00	29,171.00	-	
Materials	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	
One Time Materials Grant	-	85,000.00	85,000.00	make note to distinguish from
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	3,700.00	-	regular operating budget
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	
Electricity	85,000.00	90,000.00	5,000.00	
Gas Heat	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	
Pinewoods Operating Costs	-	22,287.00	22,287.00	make note to distinguish from
Totals	1,663,659.00	1,849,215.00	185,556.00	regular operating budget

Revenue over (under) expenditures - -

	FY2007 Budget Amount	FY2008 Budget Amount	Variance
State and Federal Grants:			
Personnel	602,981.00	633,130.05	30,149.05
Materials	123,916.46	130,112.28	6,195.82
System Services Grant	134,548.31	141,275.73	6,727.42
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	150,611.27	7,171.97
TOTALS	1,004,885.07	1,055,129.32	50,244.25

SPLOST:			
Athens	125,500.00		(125,500.00)
Winterville	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	-	(1,500.00)
TOTALS	130,000.00	-	(130,000.00)

TOTAL REVENUES	2,798,544.07	2,904,344.32	105,800.25
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- Jason Etheridge, system support specialist and user interface developer
- Brad LaJeunesse, Linux systems administrator
- Mike Rylander, database developer

Evergreen Technology

- Server hardware: x86-64
- Server OS: Linux
- Database: Postgresql
- Programming: C++ and Perl
- Webserver: Apache, mod_perl
- Messaging: Jabber
- Client software: XUL

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FY2007
Athens-Clarke County Library
 July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Received</u>
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,556,584.00	778,292.00	778,292.00	50.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	0.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	29,769.17	40,230.83	42.53%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	10,424.50	4,575.50	69.50%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	950.00	1,000.00	48.72%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	525.28	474.72	52.53%
Winterville Copy	125.00	112.16	12.84	89.73%
Interest	6,000.00	787.50	5,212.50	13.13%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>820,860.61</u>	<u>842,798.39</u>	<u>49.34%</u>

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Expenditures:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Outreach	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	50.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,399,763.00	634,290.89	765,472.11	45.31%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	0.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	4,194.09	3,805.91	52.43%
Telephone	14,000.00	4,237.30	9,762.70	30.27%
Postage	6,825.00	2,581.37	4,243.63	37.82%
Travel	2,500.00	276.07	2,223.93	11.04%
Advertising	7,000.00	2,625.30	4,374.70	37.50%
Insurance	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	0.00%
Supplies	29,171.00	14,237.73	14,933.27	48.81%
Materials	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0.00%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	1,485.37	2,214.63	40.15%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	1,056.10	3,943.90	21.12%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	405.00	1,095.00	27.00%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	6,187.50	2,812.50	68.75%
Electricity	85,000.00	47,603.74	37,396.26	56.00%
Storm Water Drainage	2,200.00	831.74	1,368.26	37.81%
Gas Heat	12,000.00	4,236.39	7,763.61	35.30%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	4,067.49	3,432.51	54.23%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>750,316.08</u>	<u>913,342.92</u>	<u>45.10%</u>

Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	70,544.53
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	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,121.34	314,060.67	314,060.67	50.00%
Materials	123,916.46	39,539.21	84,377.25	31.91%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	62,274.16	72,274.15	46.28%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	75,947.24	67,492.06	52.95%
	<u>1,030,025.41</u>	<u>491,821.28</u>	<u>538,204.13</u>	<u>47.75%</u>

SPLOST:

Athens*	125,500.00	85,058.06	40,441.94	67.78%
Winterville	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	0.00%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	751.75	748.25	50.12%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	754.75	745.25	50.32%
TOTALS	<u>130,000.00</u>	<u>86,564.56</u>	<u>43,435.44</u>	<u>66.59%</u>

*includes new phone system

Total State Grants & SPLOST	<u>1,160,025.41</u>	<u>578,385.84</u>	<u>581,639.57</u>	<u>49.86%</u>
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Fund Equity ("Reserve")

Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/06	279,856.21
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)
One Months Operating Expense	(138,388.25)
	<u>10,551.45</u>

Other Entrepreneurial Activities

Passport Profit and Loss Statement FY2007

Balance in Passport 07/01/06 38,047.86

Revenues

07/01/06 - 12/31/06	7,673.85
Total Revenues	<u>7,673.85</u>

Expenditures

Verizon pagers	12.64
Postage through 12/31/06	125.89
Total Expenditures	<u>138.53</u>

Net Profit Current Year 7,535.32

Total Balance in Passport Fund 45,583.18

TODAY'S BEST BETS

- **Good Dirt Out of School Workshops** — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Good Dirt Studio, 510 N. Thomas St.; let your kids spend their day off having fun with exciting projects; www.gooddirt.net or (706) 355-3161.
- **'We the People' event** — 2 p.m., Madison County Library; to celebrate receiving one of 2,000 "We the People" bookshelves with 15 books on the theme of "Becoming American," the library hosts Tersi Bendiburg, a bilingual storyteller with Cuban roots.
- **Tersi Bendiburg** — 2 p.m., Madison County library; Tersi Bendiburg, a bilingual storyteller with Cuban roots, raises awareness and builds understanding about the difficulty immigrants face in adjusting to a new country and putting down roots through bittersweet stories.
- **Haunted Park at Memorial Park** — 6-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park; this fun Halloween event features the re-vamped Haunted Zoo at Bear Hollow, the Haunted Trail along the Birchmore Trail and the Trick or Treat Trail of Games and Fun; (706) 613-3580.
- **Night of Screams Haunted House** — 7 p.m.-midnight; Atlanta Highway, behind Rafferty's restaurant; admission \$10, with portion benefiting local participating high schools; www.nightofscreams.com.
- **Secrets of a Great Marriage** — 7-9 p.m., Grand Ballroom at Trumps, 247 E. Washington St.; come hear Bill and Sharon Porter share from personal experience; (706) 769-5575.
- **'Wails To Trails' Haunted Hike** — 7:30-9 p.m., Tallulah Gorge State Park, 338 Jane Hurt Yarn Drive, Tallulah Falls; a "spirited" stroll along the Tallulah Falls Railroad bed brings visitors close to characters who were part of this area's history; register in advance; (706) 754-7970.
- **Mark Mobley** — 8:30 p.m., Flicker Theatre; Athens-based writer and producer has been called "pop-culturally aware and breezily irreverent" by the Washington Post; he will perform his new autobiographical monologue "Airwaves," a web of stories spanning 40 years of music.



- **The Chunklet 13th Anniversary Weekend Extravaganza Blowout** — 9 p.m., 40 Watt; featuring Patton Oswalt, above, Zach Galifianakis, Elf Power, A Puppet Show with the Pull The String Player.

musical comedy based on the classic tale of the ugly duckling; featuring more than 100 students from first graders through University of Georgia students; (706) 769-2677.

- **Spooky Story Contest** — entries are due by 6 p.m., Rocksprings Neighborhood Center, Parkview Neighborhood Center and Broadacres Neighborhood Center; prizes presented to the top two finishers; stories judged on creativity, grammar, spelling and overall plot and open to writers ages 6-16; (706) 613-3602.

- **Bill Sheffield Band** — 6 p.m., The Melting Point, 295 East Dougherty St.; \$10 advance; \$13 at the door; www.meltingpointathens.com or (706) 354-6107.

- **"Grown-Up" Halloween Party and Dance** — 8 p.m., Georgia Heritage Center for the Arts, 157 Mary St., Clarkesville; come for a dance lesson at 7 p.m. and stay for the dance at 8; costumes optional; admission is \$5 and the lesson is an additional \$5; bring your beverage of choice; (706) 754-5989.

- **ACC Leisure Services Youth Basketball Registration** — 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Lay Park, 297 Hoyt St.; the program, for children in kindergarten through ninth grade, begins in late November and continues through February 2007; \$50 for ACC residents and \$65 for non-ACC residents; (706) 613-3589 or visit the basketball page at www.accleisure.com.

LEARNING

Artist helps with 'Bridging the Gap'

By Chris J. Starrs
Correspondent

Renowned photographic artist Fernando Meza has a hectic week in store when he visits Athens as part of the Athens-Clarke County Library's "Bridging the Gap" initiative.

In addition to multiple appearances at the library on Baxter Street and the Pinewoods Library and Learning Center on Highway 29, the 51-year-old Meza will host workshops, programs and lectures at the Lyndon House Arts Center, several Clarke County schools and the Lamar Dodd School of Art on the University of Georgia campus.

"He'll be pretty well booked up while he's here," quips Kathy Ames, director of the Athens-Clarke County Regional Library.

The Mexican-born Meza's artist-in-residency in the Classic City comes thanks to a federal National Library/Museum Leadership grant the library and Lyndon House received two years ago to facilitate cultural exchanges between the United States and its Southern neighbor by hosting art exhibits and bringing in artists living and working in Mexico.

A portion of the \$300,000 grant received by the library was utilized to establish the Pinewoods Library and Learning Center, which has provided educational opportunities for the residents of the Pinewoods community since it opened in February 2005.



Special

"Opening Pinewoods was the big thing," says Ames. "We really wanted to help bridge the gap in understanding."

Ames said Meza, who participated in a similar program at Georgia Southern University three years ago, had an exhibit of his photography and graphic art work at Lyndon House, which led to his being invited for the residency in Athens.

"We found out about Fernando from (UGA's) Office of International Public Service and Outreach, which sends students in an exchange program each summer to Vera Cruz," says Ames. "It's really exciting to have him here, as it's one of the first exchanges we've had. Although we've never met, we've had a lot of e-mail from him and his wife Bertha Murieta, who works at the Uni-

versity of Vera Cruz and is familiar with Georgia. He's so interesting."

A professor at Universidad Veracruzana in Xalapa, Mexico, Meza grew up in the Mexican border town of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, and much of his work is informed by United States influences.

"Fernando had an exhibit here previously, which was also part of the three-year grant," said Nancy Lukasiewicz, curator of exhibitions at Lyndon House. "In addition to (Meza's) own work, we displayed the work of some of his students and extended an exhibit of modern printmaking in Mexico to coincide with Fernando's visit."

Meza's week begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the library, as he offers a lecture on Modern Art

and Education in Mexico and meets and greets at a reception sponsored by the Friends of the ACC Library. At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Meza will host a photography workshop at the Pinewoods Library.

On Wednesday, he'll host a Casa de La Cultura workshop for Spanish speakers at Lyndon House from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., will participate in a Day of the Dead program at the Pinewoods Library at 6 p.m. and will lecture on "The Life of a Professional Artist in Mexico" at 7:30 p.m. at Lyndon House.

On Nov. 5, Lyndon House will host a fiesta from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by a reception and photo exhibit, sponsored by El Banco de Oportunidad. All events are free and open to the public. The creations from Meza's photography workshop with Pinewood community residents will also be on display.

During the week, Meza will also speak to classes at Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central high schools, and at Burney-Harris-Lyons and Coile middle schools, and will head to UGA to lead advanced printmaking and art history classes and to lecture at the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute.

For more information about Fernando Meza's "Bridging the Gap" visit to Athens, contact the ACC Library at (706) 613-3650 or Lyndon House Arts Center at (706) 613-3623.

IN PRINT

Event celebrates authors, books

By Chris J. Starrs
Correspondent

The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library will showcase the recent work of four Athens-area authors and hold a silent auction for a variety of Athens-centric gift baskets at the 11th annual Café Au Libris.

The group's pre-holiday gathering, which also will include a selection of coffees and desserts and live music from Julianne and Stephen King, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Athens-Clarke County Library on Baxter Street. Admission is free, and all proceeds benefit the library.

"We usually have about 150-200 people attend," said Lynn Baginski, a Friends of the Library board member spearheading the evening. "I wish we could get more people here, because it's a really fun event. We like to spotlight local authors and Georgia authors — this is quite a literary area."

Philip Lee Williams is among the writers who will appear at Café Au Libris. The author of a dozen published works — ranging from a stirring Civil War story to a Morgan County Christmas memoir — Williams' latest book is "In The Morning: Reflections from First Light," a series of essays on those hours before the sun wakes up.

Also scheduled to appear is UGA Veterinary School professor John McCormack, whose latest collection of short stories, "Santa Makes House Calls: Christmas



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Stories from a Country Vet." is the follow-up to his 1997 book "Fields and Pastures: My First Year as a Country Vet."

Jim Miles, whose "Weird Georgia" is a well-researched survey of the oddities of the Peach State, is on the authors' list as well, as is Kemp Jones, who teamed up with artist Stan Mullins and many of his musical buddies to create the children's book-and-CD package "F.O.L.L.O.W. (The Story of a Lost Cat, Found Cat...)." Williams' latest book is "In The Morning: Reflections from First Light."

Baginski said the authors would read from or discuss some aspect of their respective works.

The silent auction portion of Café Au

Libris will feature eight gift baskets that promise something for everyone. Among the baskets up for bid is the "Night on the Town" special, which includes two tickets to the Ray Charles tribute show "I Can't Stop Loving You (The Genius of Ray)," on Jan. 19 at the Classic Center, gift certificates to local restaurants and the Ashford Manor Bed & Breakfast.

Jewelry, artwork and pottery by area artisans will highlight the "Local Arts and Crafts Basket," and a local cookbook basket. "What's for Dinner?" will vie for attention along with the "Chocolate Lovers," "Two for Tea and Coffee" and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" baskets.

Another basket — "Café Authors" — will consist of autographed copies of the event's featured writers' books.

"We try to get donations for as many of the items in the baskets as we can," said Baginski. "There are about 50 businesses and individuals helping out. It's really great when people step up to the plate like that for their library."

The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library serve as a liaison between the library and the community, working to expand and strengthen services through fundraising and volunteering. After Café Au Libris, the group's next big event will be its spring book sale.

For more information on Café Au Libris, contact Lynn Baginski at (706) 559-4716; for more information about the Friends of the Library, visit www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us.

TODAY'S BEST BETS

- **Get R.E.A.L.: Celebrating Night Life** — Rock Eagle 4-H Center, 350 Rock Eagle Road, Eatonton; for adults; enjoy a night hike along Rock Eagle's trails; \$10; call (706) 484-2834 or e-mail kellyjo@uga.edu to register.
- **Learn how to make your own books** — 10 a.m., Panera Bread, Atlanta Highway; learn how to turn your own photos and stories into hardback, library-bound books, just in time for holiday gift-giving; contact Jennifer at (706) 296-4818 or MoonMama61@aol.com for more information.
- **Athens-Clarke County Library, 2025 Baxter St.; (706) 613-3650:**
 - **One Spooky Night** — 6:30-8:30 p.m.; trick-or-treat throughout the library for non-food prizes in every public department; costumes are encouraged; at 7 p.m., enjoy a Halloween shadow puppet show and spooky stories; adult caregiver must be present.
 - **Last Monday Book Club, Adult Book Discussion Group** — 7 p.m.; Sophie's Choice by William Styron will be discussed.
- **Ashford Manor Concert on the Lawn with the Wildcats** — Gates open at 6 p.m., show is 7-9 p.m., 5 Harden Hill Road, Watkinsville; this re-scheduled show from a rain-out this summer marks the final of the season for Ashford Manor's Concerts on the Lawn; bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnics and beverages or pre-order an on-site picnic supper from Foodworks, (706) 316-0998; show cost is \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, free for children under 6; visit www.ambdand-breakfast.com or call (706) 769-2633.
- **Haunted Park at Memorial Park** — 6-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park; this fun Halloween event features the re-Vamped Haunted Zoo at Bear Hollow, the Haunted Trail along the Birchmore Trail and the Trick or Treat Trail of Games and Fun; (706) 613-3580.
- **Night of Screams Haunted House** — 7 p.m.-midnight; Atlanta Highway, behind Rafferty's restaurant; admission \$10, with portion benefiting local participating high schools; www.nightofscreams.com.
- **Film Presentation: Good Morning, Night** — 7:30 p.m., UGA Student Learning Center, room 248; In 1978, Italian President Aldo Moro was executed by members of the militant Red Brigades after being held hostage for 55 days; the film conjectures what might have transpired between Moro and his kidnappers during the eight weeks of his captivity; directed by Marco Bellocchio.
- **Jazz Enigma** — 10 p.m., Mercury Lounge, 254 W. Clayton St.; led by one of the best saxophonists in town and features a revolving crew of talented musicians.
- **Georgia Department of Labor's second annual Youth Workforce Conference** — 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Classic

PEOPLE

Pitt making the set laugh to keep them going

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brad Pitt found an interesting way — make that walk — to blow off steam and bring some levity to the set of his new movie, "Babel."

In an interview in Entertainment Weekly's latest issue, the 42-year-old actor says he amused himself and his colleagues by yanking up his pants to give himself a wedgie, sticking



PITT

like a duck. "Throughout the movie, I'd walk around like this," he says.

"You've gotta find things to make you laugh during the shoot," he adds.

"Cate (Blanchett) called it the Hungry Bum."

He explains: "When your bum's so hungry it's trying to eat

His character's story line in "Babel," in theaters Nov. 10, is not as amusing. He and Blanchett play husband and wife in the multinational drama that follows several families linked by a tragedy in the African desert.

Pitt felt a personal connection to the movie's one-world message — he is, after all, the adoptive father to girlfriend Angelina Jolie's children, Maddox, 5, from Cambodia, and Zahara, 4, from Ethiopia. The

couple have a daughter, Shiloh Nouvel, who was born in Namibia in May.

"Our kids come from different parts of the world, and it's the perfect example of, if we didn't have these perceived differences, we wouldn't be defined by geography," he said.

"What I liked most (about the script) was this idea that we're all the same, and it's our lack of understanding and lack of communication that gets in the way."

Unruly Behavior Policy

Section A.

When the behavior of a Patron constitutes a disruption, which interferes with the use of the ACC Library by other patrons, or with a Staff Member's ability to complete his/her duties, progressive action will be taken by Staff Members to end the disruption. Such actions may include, but will not be limited to, a verbal warning, requesting that the Patron leave the building, banning the Patron from the Library building or property, or calling the Police (regarding the involvement of the Police, Section D may apply).

Section B.

In extenuating circumstance, or where the behavior of a Patron constitutes a continuing disruption, the Patron may be suspended from Library for a period of time to be determined by the Library Director. In such cases, a written notice outlining the reason(s) for the suspension will be mailed to the Patron, who will then have ten days to respond in writing prior to the suspension becoming effective. Where the Patron files a written request for a hearing within the ten day period, the matter will be referred to the Board of Trustees for a hearing and final decision. Staff Members should promptly complete an incident report following each event part of continuing disruptive nature or which represents an extenuating circumstance.

Section C.

Any time a Staff Member feels that a Patron's behavior is threatening to the safety of other patrons or Staff Members, the Police should be called. Staff Members may intervene with a Patron in order to prevent possible personal injury or likely property damage.

Section D.

If the behavior of a Patron under the age of 17 (hereafter referred to as a Child), as witnessed by the Police or reported by Library staff, is such that the Police must take enforcement action and remove the Child from Library property, the ACC Police Officer employed at the time will do the following:

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2. Complete a Juvenile Complaint for the applicable charge(s).
3. Complete an Incident Report.
4. Request an appropriate Library Staff Member to ban the Child from the building based on the disruptive behavior in accordance with this policy.

This is only if the Police Officer is the requesting party based on behavior necessitating a Juvenile Complaint. If the Officer does not witness the behavior and progressive action indicates the Child must leave Library property, Library staff must have witnessed the behavior and sign a Juvenile Complaint. No provision of Section D shall limit Library Staff's ability to request a Child to leave the building.

on Nov. 17-18. Dinner tickets: \$75; Festival tickets: \$40; Grogus show tickets: \$10-\$15. 706-354-5433, www.themeltingpointathens.com.

ATHENS MONTESSORI SCHOOL FALL FEST Arts & crafts vendors, bake sale, live music, pony rides, magic show and more. Athens Montessori School, 3145 Barnett Shoals Rd., on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 706-549-8490.

COMMON GROUND Beans & Rice Social Dinner: Come meet other progressives and enjoy free food provided by Food Not Bombs. 157 Newton St. on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. 706-548-6011. Regular events at Common Ground: Food Not Bombs cooks and serves food every Wednesday evening, email shimmelheber@hotmail.com for more info. The BikeAthens Recycling Program meets every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. to repair bikes, see www.bikeathens.com. Free IT Athens hosts open hours with techie help available on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. See www.freelitathens.org.

EFFIE'S CLUB FOLLIES CHILI COOKOFF Effie's Club Follies' Chili Cookoff Fundraiser. Meat, veggie and wildcard categories. Panel of local "celebrity" judges and People's Choice awards. Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at Little Kings. See www.myspace.com/effiesclubfollies for more info.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ATHENS The Junior League of Athens holds its annual Holiday Marketplace at the Classic Center, Nov. 10-12. Features more than 75 booths selling the wares of local and regional artists. Public preview on Nov. 10, 4-6 p.m. (FREE!), followed by Preview Party, 7-10 p.m., with catered dinner (Tickets: \$25). The Marketplace is open Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 12, 12-4 p.m. Tickets: \$3-\$5, under 12 FREE! 706-357-4444, www.classiccenter.com.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS Who Shot Grandma entertainment presents a series of Murder Mystery Dinners, featuring exciting interactive murder mysteries and a five-course meal. Maison Bleu on Fridays and Saturdays in November at 7 p.m., and a special lunch show. Tickets: \$42-\$54 per person, all-inclusive. A portion of ticket sales benefit the Athens Area Humane Society. Reservations, 706-410-7494, www.whoshotgrandma.com.

PAWS 5K RUN/WALK The annual Five Points for PAWS 5K Run/Walk benefits PAWS of Athens, spay/neuter outreach. Bring your leashed pup to join in. Begins at Clarke Central High School on Saturday,

"WORD FUNK" An evening of "open stage" for poets, comedians, freestyle, musicians, storytellers and improv. Sign up at 9 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. Hot Corner on Tuesdays. For more info, email: untrotten1@yahoo.com.

LECTURES & FORUMS

MEET THE CANDIDATES: FORUMS & DEBATES

Oconee County citizen groups are hosting state House and state Senate candidates at the Oconee County Library on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7-9 p.m. 706-548-1525.

MARIA LUGONES Dr. Maria Lugones of Binghamton University will discuss "The Modern Colonial Gender System." UGA Student Learning Center Room 248 on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. 706-542-2846.

MENTAL HEALTH FORUM The Ga. Dept. of Human Resources Region 2 Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning board is holding two public forums. 1360 S. Lumpkin St., on Monday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. (consumers and families) and 7 p.m. (providers). 706-792-7733.

MULTIMEDIA SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION Artist Randall Packer and tenor Charles Lane present a screening of multimedia theatre piece "Religion of the Life (Orf's Baptism)," the latest installment of Packer's epic work-in-progress *A Season in Hell*. The work was produced in collaboration with students working in the Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery. Panelists include David Saltz and Freda Giles. UGA Fine Arts Building Room 53 on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Presented in conjunction with the "America on the Brink" exhibit currently on view at ATHICA.

SOMOS AMÉRICA Coalition Somos América presents "Somos América: An Immigrant's Cry for Justice." Learn about fighting economic injustice. Speakers, refreshments. Tate Center Reception Hall on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

WORD ON THE STREET

HARVEST FOR THE HOMELESS RAFFLE Benefit for the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Grand prize is 52 gift certificates to area restaurants. Cost: \$1 per ticket, avail. at Junkman's Brother's Daughter and www.athensareahomelessshelter.org. 706-354-

Friday, November 3

Café au Libris

Athens-Clarke
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One of the many wonderful things about Athens is the plethora of fine writers living here. One of the other wonderful things about Athens is that many of the fine people living here become writers. The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library have caught on to this demographic

and have learned to exploit it to their advantage and to ours. Their annual Café Au Libris at the library brings out some of our best writers—along with live music, coffee and desserts—to discuss their recent work and sign copies of their books. A silent auction of gift baskets with a literary theme painlessly raises money to benefit that great (and chronically underfunded) community resource, the Athens-Clarke County Library.

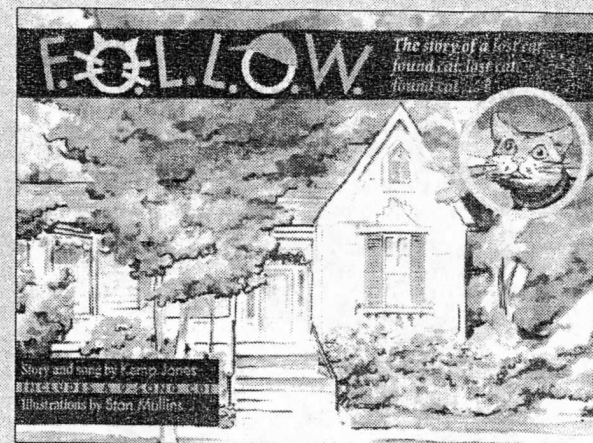
This year's lineup includes the prolific Philip Lee Williams and his new book *In The Morning: Reflections from First Light*, a collection of essays. It will be interesting to learn what reflections Williams has time to see at first light, since it has been his habit for decades to be up writing long before rosy fingered dawn reaches Flat Rock Road in the still undeveloped wilds of Oconee County.

Even if he never wrote a word, John McCormack would be worth the evening just because of his warm personality and his delightful wit. But he has written humorously of his career as a country veterinarian prior to his becoming a professor of large animal medicine. John's latest is *Santa Makes House Calls: Christmas Stories from a Country Vet*.

And all that weird stuff you've always heard about Georgia has been collected by Jim Miles and packaged for your reading pleasure in, appropriately, *Weird Georgia*, a guide to local legends and best kept secrets. Now you have proof to show all those skeptical friends from Des Moines.

Finally, Kemp Jones—local musician, caterer and all-around cool gent—has written *F.O.L.L.O.W.*, a charming account of his son's lost (and found) cat, illustrated by the bold colorist Stan Mullins and accompanied by a CD with songs for the book played by Kemp and his many musician friends.

This occasion is a guaranteed pleasure and a great way to help the library. Starts at 7 p.m., and admission is free. [Pete McCommons]



F.O.L.L.O.W.

Athens Chamber Singers set to kick off the season with dinner and a show

By Chris J. Starrs
Correspondent

During the past decade, one of the hottest holiday attractions in Athens has been the innovative Yuletide Dinners hosted by the Athens Chamber Singers. Last year's multi-evening event, which featured a Celtic Christmas theme, sold out in less than a week.

The ensemble is putting the final touches on its 2006 production, which will be staged in the ballroom at Trumps at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7-9. This year's dinner-and-concert series will focus on music from the medieval period.

"This was a pretty unique holiday event when it started way back when," says ACS director Kevin Kelly, who adds that the ensemble celebrated its 27th anniversary this year. "We sing during the courses of the catered dinner and then have a full concert afterward. We've been at Trump's for about 10 years, and we're delighted to be there because they've got a big ballroom and a great staff."

As an extra added treat, the ACS will be accompanied by musicians from the local Celtic-tinged groups Banish Misfortune and Short Road Home.

"We don't always have a special theme, but we do like to give people something that they're not likely to hear on the speakers in the grocery store," jokes Kelly, who works as the director of the music library at the University of Georgia's Hugh Hodgson School of Music.

"This year, the medieval music is something we've never done. I think most people may think of medieval music as being endless Gregorian chants or things written for church, but there's a lot more to the period. Since there are a lot of parallels with Celtic music, we've invited members of

two Celtic bands to join us. There's quite a variety in the repertoire — it's not just stuff for the cathedral crowd. I was a little dubious myself in the beginning, but I've been amazed at what I've found."

Kelly adds that the performances will be "bifocal" in nature, with half of the compositions coming from the 12th-15th centuries with the other half made up of 20th century pieces with medieval overtones.

"We'll have two different perspectives," he says. "One reflects on the other in an interesting way."

The group, which features about two dozen singers, has been working on the program since September, and when January rolls around, the ACS will begin preparations for its annual spring concert, which this year is expected to feature the music of the works of the sons of Johann Sebastian Bach.

"When I design the program for our spring concerts, I like to have a sense of unity in the music," says Kelly, who is also the music director at Friendship Presbyterian Church. "I want our programs to be entertaining and educational. When I'm designing themes, I try to pull historic strands together. For spring, we're looking at the work of the sons of Bach — he had a lot of sons. It's a different take on a big name."

Tickets for the Yuletide Dinner are \$37.50, which includes dinner, wine, wassail and entertainment. The reservation line, (706) 353-6796, is open, and tickets are expected to go quickly for an event that kicks off the holiday season for many people.

"I think the best compliment we've received was from someone who said our concert represented the beginning of the holidays," says Kelly. "That makes it all worth it to me. We're fortunate to have such a nice following."

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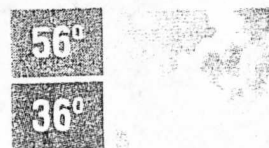
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CRUNCH ESPECIALLY KEEN AT UNIVERSITY

Periodical costs rise, press library budgets

By Rebecca K. Quigley
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While Athens public libraries desperately struggle to renew subscriptions to magazines like Time and Oprah, the University of Georgia is having even more trouble holding on to its more expansive collection of journals, from Nanomedicine to the Journal of Cuneiform Studies.

Community and university libraries have a rough time keeping up with the latest printed materials because there are more and more of them and

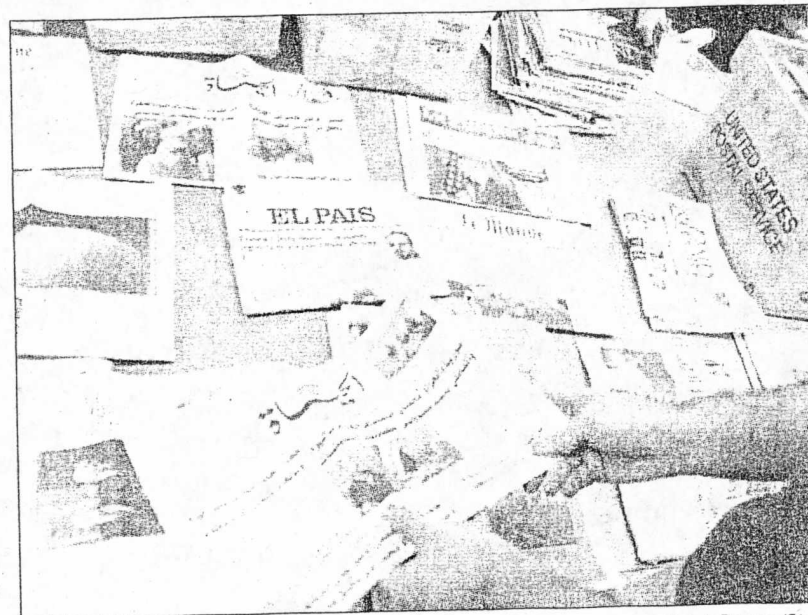
they are getting more and more expensive.

So, librarians have started to nudge state officials to help them with the cost of periodicals that has been rising at triple the rate of inflation.

The UGA Main and Science libraries own more than 4 million books, 6.5 million microform units and 7,000 print journal subscriptions, and provide full-text online access to more than 35,000 journals and approximately 400,000 books.

But the cost of periodicals

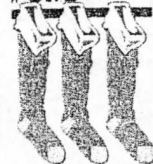
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Caleb Raynor/Staff

Student worker Knox Brand sorts through periodicals recently at the University of Georgia's Main Library. The price of periodicals has increased at triple the rate of inflation, forcing librarians to appeal to the state for help in keeping their collections intact.

EMPTY STOCKING FUND



Fund helps after dad's time with ailing infant costs him job

From Staff reports

Luisa and Anthony are the parents of two, including a 5-month-old baby born with a heart defect.

The baby was hospitalized for 35 days after heart surgery, while

Anthony stayed beside him most of the time. This caused Anthony to lose his job, and the family was unable to pay their rent.

Each month, the rental agency added \$60 in late fees. The family needs assistance to pay the rent and

late fees.

Luisa and Anthony were referred by Children's Medical Services to the Athens Banner-Herald Empty Stocking Fund, where they received \$300 to help pay the overdue rent.

Last year, readers gave \$38,275 to

the Empty Stocking Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to assist local people who cannot be reached by other charities or need more aid than those charities can

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natural, cultural and historic resources, according to a news release from Perdue. Five projects around the state were announced Friday and are the first to benefit from the program, said Curt Soper, director of the Georgia Land Conservation Program.

"It's kind of a historic day for us," Soper said.

"It really is preserving some of our heritage well into the future," he said. "These easements are permanent."

The state also awarded the city of Statham a \$299,000 grant and a \$135,000 loan to purchase Statham Spring. The spring has been the city's primary water supply since the 1930s and is located next to recreation lands and could be connected via trails.

Officials fear the spring could be sold to residential developers if the city did not buy the site and protect it.

The legislation Perdue signed created a trust fund and a revolving loan fund of \$100 million of government funding to buy land and conservation easements. The money is available to local governments and the state Department of Natural Resources.

The governor's 2007 fiscal year budget includes \$5 million for grants to local government land conservation projects, according to the news release.

The state received 21 conservation grant and loan requests, Soper said. The applications were reviewed by officials from three state agencies.

FAMILY IN NEED FINDS HELP from A1

provide. All recipients have been referred to the Empty Stocking Fund by area agencies.

The total raised to date by the Athens Banner-Herald Empty Stocking Fund is \$4,365. A list of this week's donors will appear in Sunday's Athens Banner-Herald.

The Empty Stocking fundraising campaign is held during the holidays, but the money collected is not used for toys or gifts, and readers may donate throughout the year.

To donate: Send checks (payable to the Athens Banner-Herald Empty Stocking Fund) to the Athens Banner-Herald at P.O. Box 912, Athens, GA

RIISING COSTS STRAIN LIBRARIES from A1

and serials — magazines and newspapers like Newsweek and the London Times, but especially popular academic journals like Nature and the New England Journal of Medicine — has been increasing by 7 percent per year, almost three times the most recent federal inflation rate of 2.4 percent, library officials said.

UGA librarians expect to fall \$1.7 million short of the library's 2008 budget, which they need to just to keep the periodicals they have.

The library's budget for materials alone reaches about \$9 million, about 70 percent or 80 percent of which pays for periodicals and other serials, said Dana Walker, head of the library's serials department.

Walker is able to keep magazines and newspapers like Newsweek, Psychology Today, the London Times and the Los Angeles Times — the kinds of titles that regional libraries struggle to keep — because those subscriptions are not as expensive as popular academic journals like Nature and the New England Journal of Medicine, she said.

The much-used science, technology and medicine journals — paramount to the university's research mission — lead the continuous strain on the library's budget, Walker said.

UGA officials increased the library's budget for 2006, provided additional one-time funds and gave back the library's \$361,000 share of this year's campus-wide 2 percent budget freeze, UGA officials said.

But that extra money still fell short of what University librarian Bill Potter says he needs to keep up the collection without adding new titles.

A team including Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Tim Burgess met with University System of Georgia budget staff Friday to review UGA's budget options for 2008.

Burgess' office probably can't solve all the library's needs, but "I hope we can do more than what we're able to do today," he said.

If state and university system officials give UGA more money for salaries, health care cost, energy costs, research equipment and engineering programs, university officials will have more freedom to restore years' worth of cuts to the library's budget, Burgess said.

"Journals by far are the fastest-growing area of cost," Potter said, adding that readership of the online journals has been increasing by 30 percent each year.

"We haven't added any new periodicals at all. The book collection is also going to see a reduction next year."

— Athens-Clarke Library director Kathryn Ames

Publishers charge more for journals as printed versions get bigger and new technologies for putting them online become more expensive, Potter said.

Potter said he doesn't even have the option of adding new publications.

"I hope at some point we get money to grow," which would take at least an additional \$1 million, he said.

Anybody can walk in and use the UGA libraries, but must register with the Athens-Clarke County Library to borrow books from the university.

A state budget cut in 2004 that gutted much of the Athens-Clarke County Library's magazine collection has been mostly restored by patron donations, but the library could face similar cuts next year without more help from the state and county.

"People in the community have been really generous," said the library's director, Kathryn Ames. "At this point we're almost back to where we were."

The public library's budget to maintain its current collection should be \$150,000 — a budget it has been able to meet this year because of one-time grants and funds from friends of the library, the state and the county, Ames said.

"We haven't added any new periodicals at all," she said. "The book collection is also going to see a reduction next year."

But next year's \$35,000 state budget for materials is the only guaranteed funding Ames said she expects to receive because the library won't have the \$100,000 per year it has been receiving in local sales tax revenue.

That money will return in 2009, Ames said.

But until then, Ames and other public library directors in Georgia will be petitioning lawmakers to renew a one-time \$2 million grant, \$17,000 of which the Athens library received this year.

"We will be asking legislators this year to make it a continuing item," Ames said.

AUDIT UNCOVERS 'QUES

in October 2000, an unauthorized because he could find no records approved by the Jefferson City Council also said it appeared all spending figures account violated state law because record showing the spending was audited by the council.

Briscoe also found what he called "expenditures" made from the check that the department opened in December benefit Jefferson youths. Spending that called questionable included \$515 Money, \$47 for "Flowers for Secretary \$50 for beer.

Meanwhile, days before a criminaling ex-police Chief Darren Glenn is expected to a grand jury, Georgia Investigation agents returned to the Police Department Thursday and into undisclosed number of officers.

A GBI spokesman said Friday after not have any knowledge about what were investigating, while Fred Stephens special agent in charge of the bureau office, did not return a telephone call to the agent.

Last week, a special prosecutor in corruption within the department sent a letter and two former officers, including a letter telling them he intends to ask a grand jury to indict them. In the letter, the prosecutor plans to present criminal charges against a Jackson County grand jury on "I'm not sure if it is related to the case of intent ... or if it is new information that we are looking for," Ward said of the GBI's report.

Between October 2000 and June

NATION & WORLD

Terrorism risk assessments

WASHINGTON — A leader of the new Democratic Congress, business travelers and privacy advocates expressed outrage Friday over the unannounced assignment of terrorism risk assessments to American international travelers by a computerized system managed from an unmarked, two-story brick building in Northern Virginia.

Incoming Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont pledged greater scrutiny



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Office is closed through Jan. 1. Getting listed in Out There! for the of Jan. 10 is Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 5 p.m. outthere@flagpole.com.

PERFORMANCE

A DIVA NEW YEAR New Year's drag show and emceed by Sasha. Featuring Lacie, a Grey, Kevin Kline and Sasha Chambers. World Upstairs on Friday, Dec. 29. Doors 7 p.m., shows at 10:30 p.m. and 12 a.m. Ticket: \$5.

JOT The Athens Folk Music and Dance Society's The Hoot with guest host Gabriel Kelley, will perform with Will Harrison and Jason. Also performing: Lera Lynn of Birds and Wire at Fountain, and Heidi Hensley. Little Kings today, Jan. 8, 8-10 p.m. FREE! All ages. 706-85, www.afmds.info.

THEATRE

"STOP LOVING YOU" The first-ever tour of *I Stop Loving You*, a celebration of the music Charles comes to Athens. A smash-hit in 's West End, this show features "Hit the Road Georgia on My Mind," "What'd I Say," and more. Singers, dancers and a live 12-piece orchestra. See Theatre Notes on p. 10. Classic Center on Friday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10-16-357-4444, www.classiccenter.com.

A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN Oconee Playhouse presents a production of the family musical based on the beloved "Peanuts" trip: *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. See Notes on p. 10. Oconee County Civic Center 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12-\$16. For reservations call 706-769-2677 or sending an email to youth@gmail.com.

EVENTS

ALEXANDER HAMILTON The ACC Library hosts the exhibit "Alexander Hamilton: the Man Who Made Modern America," and will hold related programming of the documentary *Alexander Hamilton: Favorite Son* and reception for the exhibit day, Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Dr. Buckner Jr. discusses "Alexander Hamilton: the Post-Years (1795-1804)" on Sunday, Jan. 7 at Exhibit continues through Feb. 16. For more information call 706-613-3650.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS Visitors can drive through a photographed fantasy of color and design" of animated trains, giant teddy bears, lit-up and more. Sandy Creek Park, every night Jan. 1, 6-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$7-\$10 per car/0-\$30 bus. 706-613-3631 or 706-369-9732.

GOES WEST: THE ROLL OF HIS LIFE The premiere of the documentary *Darius Goes West: of His Life*, directed by Logan Smalley and Athens high school junior Darius Weems. sion with the cast and crew will follow the rton Theatre on Friday, Jan. 5 at 8:30 p.m. \$10. Mingle with the cast and crew prior premiere at a VIP reception at Little Kings Hancock) catered by Lee Epting. 6:30-8 kets: \$50 per person. Limited to 100 people. screening of the film at the Morton Theatre rday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$6. Area and high school students encouraged to at-s matinee performance, which will also be l by a Q&A session with the cast and crew. wing at UGA's Tate Theater on Tuesday, Jan. .m. Admission: \$5. See Movie Dope for more.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS Who Shot Grandma nment presents a series of Murder Mystery

Dinners at Maison Bleu, featuring exciting interactive murder mysteries and a five-course meal. Shows continue through Dec. Tickets: \$49 per person, all-inclusive. All profits benefit the Athens Area Humane Society. Reservations, 706-410-7494, www.whoshotgrandma.com.

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION The Botanical Garden hosts the opening reception for the Smithsonian Exhibition titled "A Magic Web: The Tropical Forest of Barro Colorado Island." The exhibit features large-format photographs by tropical ecologist and nature photographer Christian Ziegler detailing the diverse environment of the island, with Spanish/ English text. Sunday, Jan. 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Presentations on "Biological Diversity and Rain Forests" at 2:30 p.m. and "Discover Life in Panama" at 3:30 p.m. 706-542-1244.

UGA OBSERVATORY The UGA Observatory hosts its monthly open house viewing at the UGA Physics Building on Friday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. FREE! For more information call 706-542-STAR.

LITERARY EVENTS

STITCHING STARS The ACC Library's 6th Annual Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival will feature nationally-known storytellers Donna Washington, Kevin Kling and Tim Ereneta. The day begins with a FREE! family storytelling session at 10 a.m. Registration for the afternoon and evening sessions is 1:30-2 p.m. Afternoon storytelling session is 2-5 p.m. And after the dinner break, the evening storytelling session runs 7-9 p.m. Seney-Stovall Chapel on Saturday, Jan. 7. Admission: \$10 both sessions, \$6 for afternoon session, \$7 for evening session. 706-613-3650, ext. 314.

WORD ON THE STREET

BIKE RECYCLING The BikeAthens Recycling Program meets every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. to repair bikes at the Chase St. Warehouses. Volunteers welcome, no exp. necessary. See www.bikeathens.com. **COMMON GROUND** Food Not Bombs cooks and serves food every Wednesday evening, email athensfnb@yahoo.com for more info. Free IT Athens hosts open hours with techie help available on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. See www.freeitathens.org. **FILM::ATHENS** Free online production directory for those dealing with the film and video industry. www.filmathens.net/production. **PEACE VIGIL** The Women in Black, an international peace movement, holds a silent vigil for peace at the UGA Arch every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. All are welcome. 706-546-5237.

KIDSTUFF

AIKIDO Classes in Japanese martial art aikido, taught by black belt Dr. Stephen Gilliam. Classic Martial Arts Club, 706-353-3616. Trial classes are free. www.classic-mac.com.

BRAINABILITY Educational programs for all ages. Holiday Camps, movie nights, tutoring and more. 706-559-7448, www.brainabilityinc.com.

DRAMA CLASSES FOR KIDS Creative Dramatics for ages 5-8, Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m. Cost: \$55/month (discounts for siblings). Taught by Phillip Baumgarner. "The Next Level" is for ages 10-14 on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Taught by Stephanie Astalos-Jones. Cost: \$65/month. Athens Little Playhouse, 706-208-1036, www.athenslittleplayhouse.org.

HOLIDAY ON STRINGS Peter Hart of Atlanta Puppets presents "Holiday on Strings" an interactive performance featuring unique seasonal characters and some of the most requested specialty puppets from the Atlanta Puppet programs. ACC Library Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. FREE! 706-613-3650.

ZOO APPRENTICE PROGRAM Teaches children how to care for our native wildlife. Nine-hour afternoon



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program at Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail, Memorial Park. Ages 9-13. First program begins Jan. 13. Cost: \$20 per child. Preregistration required, 706-613-3616.

ART EVENTS

CLAYTON ST. GALLERY Annual Holiday Artist Market featuring pottery, hats and scarves, hand-painted silk and more. Through Dec. 30 at Clayton St. Gallery downtown. 706-549-9299.

HOLIDAY ARTS MARKET The Gallery Shop at the Lyndon House Arts Center presents its annual Holiday Arts Market featuring paintings, prints, photography, fused and stained glass, pottery, fiber arts and more. Local music and books, too. Now through Dec. 30 during LHAC regular hours. 706-613-3623.

RICHARD OLSEN & CAROLINE MONTAGUE Opening reception for new exhibit of paintings by Richard Olsen and sculpture and drawings by Caroline Montague. Athens Academy Myers Gallery on Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m. FREE! and open to the public. 706-549-9225.

ART ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATHICA SEEKING SUBMISSIONS Seeking work in all media dealing with "Rurburbs & Other Spaces in Between: Land Use and Environmentalism," Mar. 31-May 27. Deadline: Jan. 19. See Call for Entries at www.athica.org for details.

DAVID KONTRA "My World," a special exhibit of paintings by David Kontra, a legally blind artist from Missouri, is on display at the UGA College of Education Office of Information Technology (Aderhold Hall Room 232) through May, 2007, for more of Kontra's work, visit www.davidkontra.com. **THE LOFT** The Loft Art Supplies is seeking artists to display work at the store. Contact theloftartstore@aol.com.

MONROE ART GUILD Call for entries for the juried Winter Art Show to be held in January and February. Cash prizes. Entry fee: \$40. Call 770-207-8937 or visit www.monroeartguild.org.

SOUTHWORKS 2007 Call for entries, open to all artists and media. \$10,000 in merit and purchase awards. Also, call for Southworks Artists Market.

Deadline is Mar. 10. Entry fee: \$25-\$35. See prospectus on-line at www.ocaf.com or call 706-769-4565.

CALL FOR ENTRIES The Lyndon House Arts Center is now accepting submissions for the 32nd Annual Juried Exhibition. Open to all Athens area artists working in all visual media. Entries due at the Lyndon House Jan. 18-19. Up to three works per artist, non-refundable entry fee. Prizes awarded. To receive entry guidelines, call 706-613-3623.

ART CLASSES

GOOD DIRT Now taking registration for winter classes that begin the week of Jan. 14. MLK Day workshop for kids on Jan. 15. Ages 6-13. Cost: \$55, includes materials. Also, Try Clay every Friday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Cost: \$20. www.good-dirt.net. 706-355-3161.

LYNDON HOUSE ARTS CENTER Winter class registration now open for classes in enamel beadmaking, etching, pottery, metalsmithing, woodworking, drawing, painting, holiday gift-making and more. Registration is accepted until classes are full. Class size is limited. For more information call 706-613-3623, or visit www.acclseureservices.com.

ART AROUND TOWN

ACC LIBRARY "Splashes," acrylic art by painter and Special Needs Center volunteer Eric Kissel: "A Perspective of Athens," acrylics by David Kerwin; Mary Ann Abbe's collection of Santas from around the world. Through Dec. Traveling exhibit: "Alexander Hamilton: the Man Who Made Modern America." Through Feb. 16.

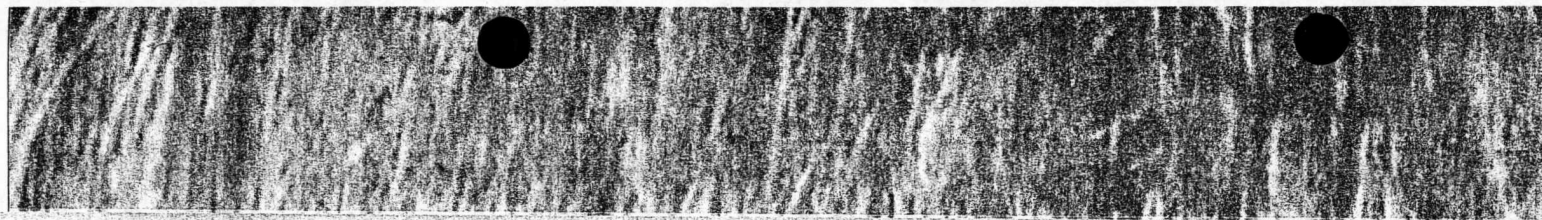
ATHENS ACADEMY In the Myers Gallery, paintings by Richard Olsen, sculpture/ drawings by Caroline Montague. Jan. 10-Feb. 16. Also, work from Upper School art students in the Bertelsmann Gallery. Through Feb.

BOTANICAL GARDEN "A Magic Web: The Tropical Forest of Barro Colorado Island." Jan. 20-Feb. 25. **CLASSIC HAIR & SPA** Paintings by Perry McCrackin. Through Dec.

FLICKER THEATRE & BAR "Second Annual JTO Xmas Show" by Jeff Owens. Through Dec.

E.R. The other is that there are very few places open at 6 a.m. on Christmas morning, so one should always keep a bottle of Pepto close at hand.

- Lisa Lewis resides in Athens with husband Geoff, daughter Ella, and son Billy.



Visual History

Hamilton exhibit at Athens-Clarke County Library

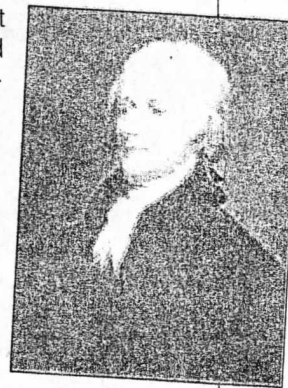
Although he is probably best known as the man killed in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr in 1804, Alexander Hamilton made a mark on American history. He served as the country's first Secretary of the Treasury and was the chief architect of the financial, political and legal institutions still familiar to Americans today.

The Athens-Clarke County Library is one of only 40 libraries in the country awarded the opportunity to offer the traveling panel exhibit "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America." The exhibit is based on a major exhibition of the same title on display at the New York Historical Library.

Four related programs will be held in conjunction during the exhibit's stay in Athens through Feb. 16. The first program is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, with the second scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 7. Other programs are scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 28 and 3 p.m. Feb. 11.

For more information, call (706) 613-3650.

— Chris J. Starrs, correspondent



Etc.

45 ways to spell Mackenzie

One of the hottest trends in baby names is to tweak, ever so slightly, a classic to create a familiar name with a touch of uniqueness.

According to the 2006 list of top names on BabyCenter.com, which uses a database of 374,522, names, there were 45 ways to spell Mackenzie as a girl's name. All those Mackenzies combined made it the 27th most popular name.

"People really work the spelling angle," said BabyCenter.com editor-in-chief Linda Murray. "But don't complain if someone else spells or pronounces it wrong."

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hundreds took to the streets vowing revenge in Samarra, north of Baghdad, and gunmen paraded and fired into the air in support of Saddam in Tikrit, his hometown.

Still, authorities imposed curfews sparingly in contrast to the several-day lockdown put in place after Saddam was sentenced to death Nov. 5.

Saddam went to his execution dressed in a black overcoat, dark trousers and a hat. It was unclear if he had been told in advance that he would be hanged just before dawn Saturday. He looked baffled and uncomprehending as one of the hangmen explained the procedure.

He refused to put on a hood that was offered before a black cloth was wound around his neck and the noose draped over his head and tightened.

New video, first broadcast by

the gallows. He said he was not showing manhood.

Then Saddam began reciting the "Shahada," a Muslim prayer that says there is no god but God and Muhammad is his messenger, according to an unabridged copy of the same tape, apparently shot with a camera phone and posted on a Web site.

Saddam made it to midway through his second recitation of the verse. His last word was Muhammad.

The floor dropped out of the gallows.

"The tyrant has fallen," someone in the group of onlookers shouted. The video showed a close-up of Saddam's face as he swung from the rope.

Then came another voice: "Let him swing for three minutes."

The responses within Iraq to Saddam's death echoed the large-

and crimes the former dictator committed during his brutal rule.

Some Arab governments denounced the timing the 69-year-old former president's hanging just before the start of the most important holiday of the Islamic calendar, Eid al-Adha. Libya announced a three-day official mourning period and canceled all celebrations for Eid.

Within Iraq and across the world, the airwaves were alive with pictures of Saddam in death, a bruise on his cheek, his neck elongated and twisted impossibly to the right — grisly proof that the man who had tormented and killed so many during a bloody quarter-century

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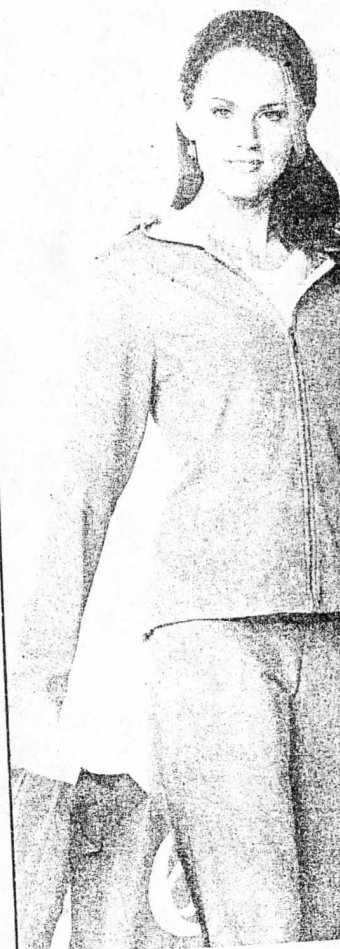


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Branching out

Resident directing Oconee libraries in regional system

By Chris J. Starrs | Correspondent | Story updated at 1:04 AM on Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Clare Auwarter didn't always plan to be a librarian, but her career path took a turn in that direction fairly early in her professional life.

"I started as a high school English teacher," said the Watkinsville resident, who in September was appointed director of the Oconee County branch of the Athens Regional Library System. "But it seemed like I was spending more time in the library than in the classroom, so I decided to get a library degree."

A New Jersey native, Auwarter - who earned her bachelor's degree in English from Pennsylvania's Wilson College - received her master's degree in library science from Long Island (N.Y.) University and a specialist degree in library information services from the University of South Carolina.

She and her husband, Alan, moved to the Athens area in the early 1970s, when he received his master's degree from the University of Georgia. The Auwarter family returned to the Classic City in 1986, when Alan took a job with the local Environmental Protection Agency office. Clare Auwarter worked at the Athens-Clarke County Library from 1972-79 and has been with the regional library system since 1986.

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Clare Auwarter is the new branch manager of the Oconee County branch of the Athens Regional Library System.
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Auwarter worked as the assistant director for adult services at the Athens library for a number of years, and agreed to serve as interim director of the Oconee branch (which includes the main library in Watkinsville and a smaller branch in Bogart) when the previous director, Debbie Thrasher, moved to Woodstock. Thrasher's husband, the Rev. Doug Thrasher, was appointed pastor at Hillside United Methodist Church in Cherokee County.

"I came in as a temp and I liked it so much, I decided to apply for the job when the library board began its search for Debbie's successor," Auwarter said. "I worked with Debbie through May so she could show me what to do and I officially began as branch manager on Sept. 1."

The Oconee County facilities are part of the Athens Regional system, which also includes libraries in Oglethorpe, Madison and Franklin counties. The main library in Watkinsville has some 48,940 items in circulation, including 45,500 books, and the library in Bogart has about 14,500 items, including 13,147 books.

The Oconee part of the regional system has 16 full- and part-time employees and circulates about 12,000 items each month in Watkinsville and approximately 3,000 items in Bogart. Auwarter said the Oconee branches had a "door count" of 13,929 visitors during November.

"Oconee County is very supportive of its libraries, which is one of the great things about working here," Auwarter said.

With some 25 years of experience in library work, Auwarter says libraries have changed a great deal since she first entered the field.

"Technology has really changed the library," she said. "I grew up with the card catalog, which is definitely a thing of the past since we have everything online now. We're part of the PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services) statewide card system and we've just recently revamped our online catalog."

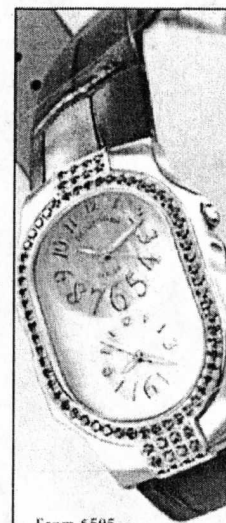
"While technology represents the greatest change, one thing that has remained the same is the library's emphasis on early literacy. Story hour is still just as important now as it was years ago, and is a major component of library services," she said.

Auwarter said she had no mandate to make big changes in the Oconee libraries, adding she plans to work with her staff to continue to grow the young adult and children's programs.

"Debbie convinced the county to add two part-time positions for a young adult coordinator, and we have a huge children's program," she said. "The county really wants to make use of the library's pre-school programs. We're also continuing to develop our young adult programs - we're working very hard to involve more teens. We recently had a program for teenagers featuring (local musician) Corey Smith, who did a great job."

"We're also adding some interesting adult programming where in the first months of 2007, we'll have a monthlong series on different religions of the world. We'll have speakers and films. We're trying to develop our adult programming to go along with our basic library services."

Auwarter said she is grateful to the Friends of the Library groups, which do what they can to enrich the libraries' existing programming. She added she's appreciative of the assistance Thrasher provided her during the recent leadership transition.



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"Debbie did a wonderful job here for eight years," Auwarter said. "I've known her since she's been in Oconee and we attended several conferences together. I've got some big shoes to fill. Debbie did a great job and did it with a great sense of humor. I inherited a smooth, well-running machine."

For more information on the Oconee County Library, call (706) 769-3950 or visit www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/oconee/index.html.

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Feel better now

Last week, I fell head over heels.

Not in the literal sense (though if you know me...), and not in the romantic sense. But in that way that swells your heart so much you can look out in the world and see things as innately good. In that way that makes you believe in people and know there's something greater out there than our petty, everyday differences, our misunderstandings and our decisions. It's there, inside us all, and some people are able to show it to us.

In the film "Darius Goes West," a group of Athens young men, led by Darius Weems and Logan Valley, do just that.

The documentary, already famous in these parts, follows the group as they venture West, following their youthful ideals. What they find is friendship and love, all in doing something for others. The real purpose of the film, say Smalley and Weems, is to help raise awareness and research funding for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the disease that eventually will take Weems' life.

"Darius Goes West" premieres in Athens at theorton Theatre on Friday (see Page 7 and Thursday for more information). As Smalley, the film's director, says, Athens residents have a big part in the film's making, as all of the money came from grants and donations.

What he and his crew provide as a result certainly is some of the best money Athenians have ever spent. "Darius Goes West" will make you laugh, will make you cry and it will make you proud.

JULIE PHILLIPS

in SIDE

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Entertainment highlights Jan. 7-13:

1935: Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss. He died at his Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tenn., in 1977.

1954: Muddy Waters recorded "Hoochie Coochie Man" in Chicago.

1959: "Rawhide" premiered on CBS.

1964: The Temptations recorded the song "The Way You Do The Things You Do" at Motown Studios in Detroit.

1969: Jethro Tull's debut album, "This Was," was released.

1971: The TV sitcom "All in the Family" premiered on CBS.

1979: Singer Donny Hathaway died in a fall from a hotel window in New York. He was 34. Hathaway was known for his duets with Roberta Flack.

1989: Michael Jackson's "Moonwalker" video was released. Jackson played a superhero in the video, which included a lengthy fantasy segment set to the song "Smooth Criminal."

1990: Madonna began auditioning dancers for her 1990 world tour. She had taken out a newspaper ad that said "wimps and wanna-bes need not apply."

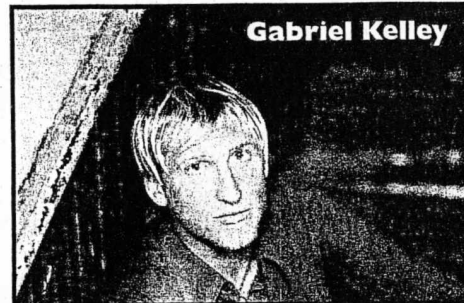
1992: Singer Debbie Gibson made her Broadway debut in "Les Misérables." She played the part of Epoumène.

1994: Nirvana played their last U.S. show, at the Seattle Arena.

2000: Melissa Etheridge and her then-partner, Julie Cypher, revealed David Crosby was the father of their two children by artificial insemination.

New year, new Hoot

You can catch Athens singer/songwriter Gabriel Kelley a couple of times in the next week or so. He'll be at the Mercury Lounge on East Clayton Street on Friday, starting at 9 p.m., and on Monday, Jan. 8, he'll be the special guest host of this month's Hoot. Kelley, 21, has been performing since he was 16. In addition



Gabriel Kelley

to hosting the Hoot, he'll be performing alongside his band, including Will Harrison on bass, piano and guitar and drummer Jason Cheek.

Other performers for the evening include Lera Lynn, frontman for Birds and Wire, who will perform with fellow musician Neil Fountain. And returning to the Hoot stage will be Heidi Hensley playing a solo set.

The Hoot will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at Little Kings. As always, admission is free. Visit afmds.info or call (706) 208-0985 for more information. To hear songs by Kelley, visit www.gabrielkelley.com.

Take a walk on the wild side

With our intermittently warm days and new year's resolutions afoot, now seems an especially good time of year to get out and take a walk. Sandy Creek Nature Center staff members will host their first Naturalist Walk of 2007 from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Walkers are encouraged to bring cameras and/or binoculars and should meet at the ENSAT building. The walk is open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. No preregistration is required and the walk is free. Visit www.sandycreeknaturecenter.com or call (706) 613-3615 for more information.

Stitching with the Stars

The Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Seney-Stovall Chapel, 201 N. Milledge Ave. This year's festival will feature nationally acclaimed storytellers Donna Washington, Kevin Kling and Tim Ereneta.

Washington will kick off the event with a free storytelling concert especially for families at 10 a.m., with registration for the festival running from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the entire day, \$6 for afternoon only and \$7 for evening only. For more information, call (706) 613-3650, ext. 314 or go to www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/events/stitchingstars6.html



Kevin Kling

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 Jackson County, several pieces of
 local legislation are expected to
 show up on this year's Georgia
 General Assembly agenda.

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 local legislation in this year's ses-
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 did not include the commission
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haps in a vote during a Septem-
 ber special election, Oconee
 County Commission Chairman
 Melvin Davis said.

In Jackson County, leaders

approved four commission dis-
 tricts each with roughly 25 per-
 cent of the county's population.
 Assuming legislators approve the
 non-contentious proposal, the
 new districts will be in effect for
 the 2008 election.

In Barrow County, commis-
 sioners are hoping to name the

commissioners decided to ask
 state Rep. Terry England, R-
 Auburn, to name the intersection
 the "Eddie Elder Interchange"
 after Elder, who died two-and-a-
 half years ago while serving as
 chairman.

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ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY HOLDS ANNUAL STITCHING STARS FESTIVAL



Photos by Sara Freeland/Special

Above, Ashley Holley, 9, claps for storyteller Donna Washington, of Durham N.C., below, at the Sixth Annual Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival at the Seney-Stovall Chapel. Holley attended Saturday's event, organized by the Athens-Clarke County Library, with fellow Tiger Tellers, a storytelling troupe from Washington-Wilkes Elementary School in Washington.



A few stories to tell

By Blake Aued

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Donna Washington does what few human beings can do these days — make a child sit still and pay attention.

Washington is a professional storyteller, one of three who performed Saturday for both children and adults at the Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival at Seney-Stovall Chapel.

In the days of the Internet and video games, Washington and a few dozen other full-time professional storytellers are the last link to a bygone era, one in which e-mail, telephones, radio, even writing didn't exist.

"We've forgotten the power of being able to come together and communicate," she said.

The stories Washington performs, some written by her and

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DOWNTOWN ATHENS DISTRICT

Property owners to take another look at historic guidelines

By Blake Aued

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Downtown property owners pulled architectural guidelines for downtown Athens from the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission's agenda Thursday, but officials said it's not another sign of



mittee that's working on the guidelines.

Design guidelines for new and renovated buildings on the outskirts of downtown are the last piece of the nearly four-year effort to protect historic downtown buildings and avoid unattractive developments like the often criticized GameDay condominiums.

Six sets of guidelines for six

Downtown property owners who sit on a citizen committee that's spent more than three years working on the guidelines want to revisit some of the guidelines, county senior planner Rick Cowick said.

Cowick said planners thought the guidelines were done and sent them on to the planning commission, but then committee member Corky Sams said they

about revising the guidelines. They should be approved by the county commission in April, he said.

The revisions are likely to be minor, Lynn and Cowick said.

The downtown committee of county officials, preservationists and property owners painstakingly sought consensus over dozens of meetings since 2003, but

SESSION STARTS MONDAY

Health care could dominate budget talks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers will be wrestling with how to pay mounting health care costs for retirees, poor children and trauma care patients when they return to the state Capitol on Monday for the 2007 legislative session.

The pricey health care prescription is expected to play a lead role in budget negotiations in Atlanta this year. It comes as revenues in Georgia show signs of slowing and the state is facing a health care cost crunch on several fronts.

Officials must decide whether to start setting aside cash to pay

for an expected multiyear \$20 billion price tag for the health care benefits of retired teachers and state employees.

Unless Congress acts, the state's popular Peach Care health insurance program for children also may run out of money in March, leaving 260,000 children of low-income families without insurance.

And a new legislative study has found the state lacks the trauma care facilities needed to save those with life-threatening injuries. The suggested fix would cost \$85 million and that would be only a first step.

Key lawmakers in the state budget process acknowledge that

health care — along with transportation — will dominate budget making in 2007.

"Those two things will drive everything," said Rep. Ben Harbin, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Transportation projects in Georgia are funded through the state's motor fuel tax. While those revenues have been rising as gas prices have gone up, they haven't kept pace with necessary road improvements.

Indeed, the state's sputtering tax collections may complicate the budget picture. After a year of robust growth, revenues have slowed to a more modest clip. In the last fiscal year, tax collections

grew by 9.3 percent. So far this year, which started July 1, they have crawled up by 5.6 percent.

"I've been looking at these new numbers trying to find some good news," said Sen. Jack Hill, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

But Harbin and Hill both pledged to protect Peach Care, which is paid for with a combination of state and federal funds. State Health Commissioner Rhonda Medows has said that the state is facing a \$131 million federal shortfall and that the program will run out of money in March unless Congress acts soon.



STORIES NO LONGER PERCEIVED AS STRICTLY FOR CHILDREN from D1

some by others, are influenced by everything from her theater education at Northwestern University to African folk tales to the Arthurian legends and Greek myths her father used to spin at the dinner table, she said.

She performs barefoot, a habit picked up during a childhood in South Korea.

Her stories are punctuated by broad movements and sound effects. She doesn't just say that someone milked a cow; she pulls imaginary udders and makes squishing noises.

One favorite, "The Spooky House," involves a strong, fearless man who walks to the city on a rainy night. He stops at a seemingly abandoned mansion and finds it empty, but fully furnished and with food on the table. As he settles in for the night, he's confronted by a series of increasingly larger black cats

who ask him "Will you be here when John gets back?" The man flees before John shows up, running off scared by a cat the size of a pony.

Not all storytellers are as concerned with the ancient oral tradition as Washington. Another festival participant, Tim Ereneta, got a professional break through MySpace.com. After listing "storytelling" as an interest on the popular Web site, Ereneta said a fellow storyteller invited him to perform at a variety show at San Francisco's famous Purple Onion club, where he opened for a ukelele reggae band.

Ereneta's dark, ironic takes on fairy tales, and the stories of Kevin Kling, a frequent National Public Radio contributor, lent a more sophisticated air to a pastime that's generally associated with children. That's no accident: Since the 1970s, storytelling has been

growing in popularity among adults, said librarian Jackie Elsner. "Storytelling has been put in the corner for children, but storytelling was for everybody," Elsner said. "It was the way to keep wisdom alive."

Bigger storytelling festivals like one in Jonesboro, Tenn., can draw 10,000 people or more. Stitching Stars, named for a book on quilts, drew about 200 Saturday.

The festival, organized by the Athens-Clarke County Library, is in its sixth year and is funded by a donation from an anonymous benefactor.

Every two years, the library also awards a grant named for the late J.J. Reneaux, an Athens professional storyteller, to an up-and-coming storyteller. Ereneta was this year's recipient.

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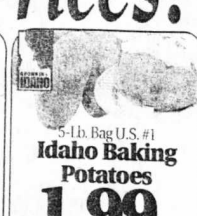
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Endowment Fund, Inc.

Progress Report

January 9, 2007

Financial Status

- ◆ The Endowment Fund's current total is \$634,997.40.

New Campaign

- ◆ Board members have been making personal contacts in the community. To date, \$35,660 has been raised for Phase Two of the Endowment Fund. Our goal is \$300,000.
- ◆ Kathryn Ames, Stacey Overstreet and Endowment Board President Todd Emily will be speaking to the Athens Rotary Club about the Endowment on January 10.

Ideas/Suggestions

- ◆ Ideas for a fundraiser? Suggestions for potential donors? Let us know! Call Stacey Overstreet at 706-613-3650, ext 336.

Director's Report

January 9, 2007

IMLS Grant

Since our last meeting, Fernando Meza and Bertha Murietta visited Athens for 10 days, presenting slide shows of Mexican Art, taking part in Dia de la Muerte activities, leading a photography workshop at Pinewoods and Lyndon House, and enjoying the artists of the Athens area. We have been very pleased with our partnership with the Lyndon House and find that we have much in common! Fernando teaches lithography and art history at the University of Vera Cruz and felt right at home in the Athens community, meeting with students at the Art Department. He also met with a variety of local artists during a studio tour.

We are currently working on a new grant application which would extend this grant for another 3 years. The emphasis will continue to be family literacy but will add a research component to the proposal. Our partners will be the Lyndon House and we will add CLASE [Center for Latin American Success in Education] from the UGA College of Education who will train volunteers to work with the children in Pinewoods. As a part of this goal, we will be gathering statistics to show that newly arrived children who have access to tutorial assistance and the support of the library will be able to learn English quickly, improve their standardized scores, and will meet or exceed local testing requirements.

Library Building Project

The Statewide Library Building Committee recommended to the Board of Regents that the cap on construction projects be increased to \$3 million up from \$2 million. This would impact our building budget and I have sent the Mayor a pre-application form using the \$3 million estimate.

The new Construction Package has a few changes in requirements, but we appear to be in good shape for meeting the various deadlines. I have provided Keith Sanders and Ken Crellen with the requirements and dates. The pre-application is due on Feb. 15. There will be a meeting with the architects, SPLOST representatives and Nate Rall from GPLS on Friday, Jan. 26 at 10. You are always welcome to attend the meetings which are held in the board room.

Library Legislative Day

Library Legislative Day at the Capitol will be on February 13 and will begin with Coffee at 8:45 AM followed by remarks from various people. This year, the emphasis will be on visiting with legislators prior to lunch which will be held in the Floyd Room. I have already communicated with our legislative delegation about some of the issues. If you can attend, please let me know. If you're unable to attend, please do contact your representatives! These are issues that we know of this year:

1. Bucks for Books [we are working on a new post card format to promote this]. Last year, we received a one-time \$2 million statewide grant for books. This added approximately 18 cents per capita to the 35 cents state minimum grant.

We hope this will be continued for FY08. We also are asking for an additional \$2 million for materials which then would bring the total to 71 cents per capita. And leaves us with a gap of approximately \$3 million to reach \$1 per capita!

2. Construction. Last year, 8 projects were funded under the state's formula. We have revised the ranking system and our project should be one of the top priority projects during the FY09 budget period. There are 15 projects on this year's listing.
3. Retirement issues having to do with health insurance have received a lot of attention during the fall; we need to be vigilant to be sure that the cost of this vital program is not altered.

I will be giving everyone postcards in support of the Bucks for Books program [funded through the Georgia Council for Public Libraries] and hope you'll use them to contact each legislator.

House Study Committee

The House Study Committee met 3 times in the Fall with the last meeting on December 28. Chaired by Rep. Chuck Sims, the Committee was charged at looking at public library governance and accountability. Ultimately, the Committee recommended that 3 new auditors solely responsible for accounting/auditing of public libraries should be added. [Currently, the Dept. of Audits has no obligation to audit libraries and the 22 single county libraries have to pay for their own audits. An estimate to audit our books ranged up to \$35,000]. The committee also recommended that local economic conditions be used as a factor in distributing grant funds.

Privately, Gerald Green, a legislator from the Bainbridge area, suggested that 35 cents per capita for books was far too low, but that this committee was not the venue for improvement. He suggested that the House Subcommittee on Higher Education chaired by Bob Smith of Watkinsville would be more appropriate and said he would work for us on that issue.

Regents Advisory Committee

R-PLAC met several times to prepare comments for the House Study Committee and will continue to meet to develop proposals for funding improvement through Rep. Smith's subcommittee. We have established several rules of governance and the criteria for state aid which will be submitted to the Board of Regents.

One of the great concerns that R-PLAC is studying deals with the break-up of regional systems. With 159 counties in Georgia, having 159 single county libraries would mean a decrease in service, duplication of effort, and a far more expensive system of operation. This is also a concern of the House Study Committee, although they did not include wording in their resolution.

Georgia Library Day*

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Atlanta

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- 8:45 A.M. Registration, coffee and juice – Floyd Building (Twin Towers, 20th floor, West Tower)
- 9:15 A.M. Welcome – GLA President – Floyd Building
- 9:20 A.M. Remarks from Georgia Legislative and Other Invited Guests – Floyd Building
- 10:00 A.M. Comments from the Georgia Library Community and Organizations – Floyd Building
- 10:45 A.M. Teacher Retirement System of Georgia Update – Floyd Building
- 11:00 A.M. Visit the Capitol (Please contact your legislators prior to your arrival on February 13. Let them know you will be attending this event.) – Georgia State Capitol
- 11:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Box lunch with your legislator – Floyd Building

Registration Form (please complete one for each registrant)

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EVERGREEN:

By Jonathan Weber

An in-house team successfully competes with commercial vendors in the library automation sphere

ILS

About three years ago, the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) looked for a new integrated library system (ILS) to serve its large consortial group of libraries across the state and found its needs frustrated by the commercial ILS market. This September 5, it debuted a new library system and catalog. Evergreen was developed by a small in-house team using open source technologies, at significantly lower cost than the commercial options that were available. This strategy has proven dramatically more flexible in meeting the needs of GPLS, and the new system has been welcomed by librarians and patrons alike.

Not your father's library system

You might imagine a homegrown library system as clunky and unattractive. Not Evergreen. Staff developed an interface based on the engine of the popular open source web browser Firefox (see "Behind the Scenes," p. 40), designing it from the ground up to meet the needs of users. It's full of modern and convenient features, including tabs for juggling multiple screens of information.

The public catalog is where Evergreen really shines. In an era when many have proclaimed "My OPAC sucks," the de-

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The screenshot displays the Evergreen ILS staff interface for managing a patron. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Patron Information:** Displays details for a patron named Kelsey Marie. Fields include: YStatus (Patrons), TLLS-MV, Holds (1), Available (0), Credit (0.00), Bills (8.00), Check Outs (3), Overdue (0), Long Overdue (0), Lost (1), and Claimed Returned (1).
- Payment Summary:** Shows a net balance of \$8.00, with payment applied and new balance sections.
- Payment Options:** Includes buttons for "Pay Bill", "Payment received", "Payment applied", "Change", and "Patron Credit".
- Information:** Displays a list of items, including a book titled "80 4390 First Steps: 2004-06-08" with a type of "grocery".
- VID/Contact Info:** Shows contact details for PINES Card: kmc1, ID 1: 55N, ID 2: 123-45-6789, and DOB: 2004-04-26.
- Day Phone:** 478-451-0554.

STAFF TOOL: Managing patrons is a snap

velopers of Evergreen set out to counter the shortcomings of the catalog compared with modern web applications—modeling interfaces users are comfortable with like those of Google and Amazon.

Among Evergreen's characteristics is spell-checking of search terms with suggested alternates, much like Google's suggestions when you misspell a word. Evergreen features faceted browsing by subjects, authors, and series to find related books easily from the title you're currently viewing, as

well as conveniently grouping various editions and formats of the same title together (in the vein of the FRBR model; see Linda Gonzalez's "What Is FRBR?" *LJ netConnect*, Spring 2005, p. 12). Evergreen enables tight integration of enriching content such as book covers, tables of contents, and reviews, which are bolted onto many catalogs as an afterthought, appearing in a different window and clashing with the catalog's look and feel.

Evergreen's catalog also improves patrons' ability to manage their accounts. They can see which books are checked out, renew books and place holds, and create "bookbags," reading lists that can be shared with others.

Beginning the journey

The road to Evergreen started back in 2004, with a vision of a better ILS for Georgia's libraries. GPLS, Georgia's state library agency, administers PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services), which provides library automation services for public libraries statewide at no cost to the member libraries. PINES serves 44 distinct library systems with over 250 locations—two-thirds of all the libraries in Georgia—and has a shared collection of over eight million items.

Given this organizational structure, PINES needs a system that allows local control of users, policies, and other administrative functions, while it maintains a centralized system to facilitate the statewide borrowing network. The sheer size of PINES, with hundreds of staff and 1.6 million cardholders, demands a robust and fast system.

When PINES librarians looked at commercial systems to replace the aging ILS, they weren't convinced that any of them could meet these requirements. Brad Lajeunesse, PINES system administrator, explains, "The ILS is like a

Everything old is new again

Library systems and other software developed in-house were once common, and some contemporary ILS's have their roots in systems originally developed at an institution—for example, NOTIS from Northwestern University led to Endeavor. Today, however, homegrown software has largely been replaced with commercial offerings. Most libraries find it easier to have a vendor develop and maintain software systems rather than recruiting, retaining, and managing internal staff to do so.

Software development has changed greatly in the last decade, largely owing to the open source movement. Rather than building software components from the ground up, in-house teams often rely on a large array of highly refined components for various functions, including the Apache web server for scalable applications. Leveraging existing, freely available source code means developers can build on the experience of many others who have provided solutions to common problems, freeing them up to concentrate on their own unique issues. This can also make it much easier to get outside expertise or bring a new developer up to speed, since the system is based on well-known components.

This is the environment that made Evergreen possible with a small development team and an aggressive time line.

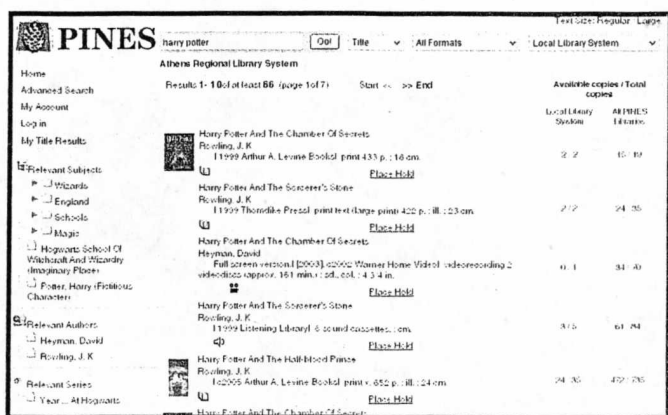
People and processes

PINES already had Lajeunesse and Jason Etheridge, an interface designer, on staff. In addition, Bill Erickson, systems developer, and Mike Rylander, database developer, were hired for the project. The PINES staff also included members with many years of public library experience who contributed greatly to the design of the system.

PINES policymaking is governed by an executive committee, elected from library directors around the state. It is advised by a number of subcommittees composed of librarians focusing on functional areas, such as cataloging. The development team solicited input from these groups in building the software and convened focus groups around the state to hear what librarians and staff needed. They did not seek public input in this phase.

In the past, a number of policies had been dictated by the limitations of the ILS. "The focus groups forced staff to think through the procedures they had been using and to look more globally at what we wanted to accomplish," says Kathryn Ames, director of the Athens Regional Library System. The PINES team wanted to free these policies from the limitations of previous software, requiring a change in mindset from accustomed operating procedures. "At first," says Lajeunesse, "people would suggest workarounds of the old system as features for the software. Jason told them, 'pretend it's magic.' That seemed to help."

The team moved quickly, building functions and interfaces and testing them with users, then redesigning until they were a good fit. As the team began showing prototype systems in early months, skepticism about the project began to dissolve, and librarians grew more confident. Dusty Gres, director of the Ochopee Regional Library System in Vidalia, admits to being leery of the project at first but says, "The one thing that changed my mind, almost midstream, was that I saw a demonstration of an early release, saw an immediate problem



CLUSTER THIS: The public view includes all forms of a work

train. In the traditional ILS [for a single library or library system], all of the users and entities are thrown into one big boxcar. What we wanted was 250 separate passenger cabs for our libraries. We also didn't want 250 separate trains."

The PINES group approached GPLS with the idea to create an ILS from scratch to meet these needs and was initially met with skepticism. Eventually, it got a green light for a trial year to begin to develop the system.

with one part of it, brought it up right then, and the next time I saw a demo, it was fixed."

When the trial period ended in July 2005, PINES had an "alpha" version of the software with basic functionality. By that point, there really wasn't much question of whether the project should continue. Results had been overwhelmingly positive, and the executive committee gave the go-ahead with a unanimous vote.

Flipping the switch

Labor Day weekend 2006 was chosen as the launch date for Evergreen back in 2005, and the date stuck. PINES staff wanted to have at least the same functionality in Evergreen as in the old ILS, so circulation, cataloging, and an OPAC needed to make it into the 1.0 release. (PINES never included acquisitions or serials; the structure of the organization, with budgets distributed over many independent organizations statewide, simply made those too difficult. They are slated for version 2.0 of Evergreen, however, tentatively scheduled for summer 2007.)

PINES continued in anticipation of the launch, refining Evergreen's features and interfaces. The staff also went to work planning a smooth transition from the old ILS to Evergreen, including migrating data with patron information,

bibliographic records, bills, checkouts, and holds. They performed several test runs of the data migration and had users spot-check information to identify any problems before the system went into production.

Meanwhile, the rest of the PINES staff spent most of August training workers at library systems across Georgia. PINES central staff split into teams for circulation and cataloging and trained hundreds of local administrators, who in turn trained staff at each library. Many libraries created training materials that were shared with others using a wiki for documentation.

Then, on the Friday evening before Labor Day, the old ILS was shut down. The team worked over the weekend and had the new system up and running in the afternoon on Monday (Labor Day), in preparation for libraries to reopen Tuesday morning.

Evergreen's first day was bumpy. The PINES developers, in their quest to have everything perfect for launch, hadn't slept much all weekend, and this diminished their ability to respond to issues that cropped up throughout the day. The PINES Help Desk manager position had also recently become vacant. Additionally, the new web catalog drew

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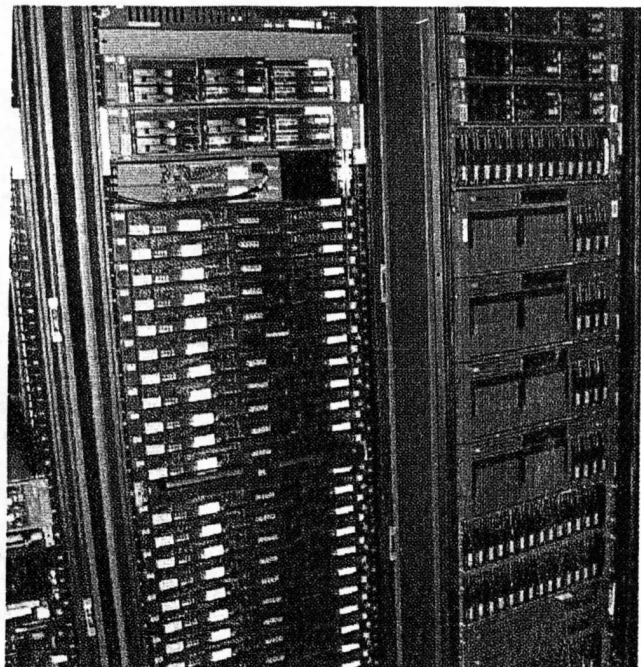
a great deal of attention from patrons and others on its first day, and usage was suddenly much greater than previous levels, leading to slow performance and some downtime through the day.

In all, however, the migration went well. Migrating an ILS is a notoriously punishing experience. PINES staff had collective wisdom from several large ILS moves in the past, and everyone knew the first day would be tough. On Tuesday night, the team regrouped and made a number of fixes and changes, and the second day went more smoothly.

The PINES team continues to work with staff to iron out issues and bugs. "There continues to be some tweaking—in fact, that's probably the best thing about developing this product," Ames says. "As problems crop up, and they inevitably do, the software developers have acted quickly to respond with a fix." Anyone can submit bug reports, which are then assigned to the appropriate development team member and prioritized using an automated tracking system.

Real-world results

Now that Evergreen is working, many doubts about the ability of an in-house team to deliver a robust and feature-rich



Behind the Scenes

Evergreen makes use of a number of open source technologies. The client application used by staff is based on XUL (XML User Interface Language), a scheme for interface design that emerged as part of the Firefox web browser.

Data for Evergreen is stored in a PostgreSQL database (the same database technology used by DSpace), and the application logic is handled by routines in C and Perl. Apache is used as a web server.

"Messaging" is an important part of application frameworks, allowing different processes to exchange information. For Evergreen, it was especially important to have a framework for messaging that was highly robust and scalable. The developers designed a framework (released under an open source license as "OpenSRF") based on Jabber, a decentralized XML technology originally intended for messaging between people, like AOL Instant MessengerSM. Jabber's scalable design also made it ideal for use as an application messaging framework.

All this software runs on a cluster of about 40 Linux servers in a highly secure and robust data center (also used by Google and other big-name customers), with redundant connections to electrical power, data networks, and other features to keep the servers up and running at all times. The servers pack some serious computing power and have over two terabytes of storage.

library system have been laid to rest. "The strong point of Evergreen is that it is intuitive and forgiving," Gres says. "For my system—rural small libraries, many of them staffed by one person, relying solely on my small professional staff and me for training, computer expertise, and backup—I have had less trouble with this system in the two months we have been in operation than I did in the first two weeks when we automated on a commercial system." And since Evergreen is developed in-house, the PINES developers are accessible to users and ready to respond. "With the vendor [SirsiDynix] for our old system, my concerns about weaknesses and needs for certain areas to be more user-friendly were not met with any real understanding," says Gres. "I guess that's been the best thing about this: the response of the development team. They listened." Ames adds that training also continues to be important, as staff members become more comfortable with new processes.

Cashing in

Developing Evergreen was significantly cheaper than a commercial system. The estimated upgrade and migration of the old system to a newer commercial ILS was quoted at nearly \$2 million and additionally required a new server for \$1.5 million. PINES paid the vendor \$200,000 annually in support and maintenance charges and paid a hosting company another \$200,000 to house the server.

The Linux server cluster and storage system used for Evergreen cost only about \$250,000—much less than the large server required by the vendor system because it's built from many smaller and less-expensive servers working together. This equipment is hosted in a collocation facility for less than half the cost of hosting the old systems. Two staff members were added to PINES to develop Evergreen, and some money also went toward consultants and other outside services, but the vendor migration costs and annual support fees were completely avoided.

Some of that savings is being used up by increased costs for shipping holds and overdue notice mailings. The more user-friendly system has increased holds by 30 percent over the old system. "When it's not painful, people use it," says LaJeunesse. Overall, libraries report that patrons have been very happy with

the new system and its "Amazon-like" features.

Jennifer Wood, of Lincolnton, GA, a patron of the Lincoln County Library, appreciates the new catalog. She homeschools her three children and says she really values the feature that allows her to sort out easily juvenile and adult items in searches. "My favorite feature would have to be the ability to order items from other libraries," she says. "Before, we would have to go into the library to do that." She also says the new catalog is faster, and it's "just cooler."

Nevertheless, Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at Vanderbilt University, Nashville (and author of *LJ's* annual Automation Marketplace survey), remains skeptical about the future of homegrown systems. "Implementing open source projects such as Evergreen for critical library functions involves a higher level of risk than the commercial alternatives," he says. "[PINES] swapped out a full-featured system for one early in its development cycle. It's just beginning." Breeding says while open source software solves some problems, libraries also look at things like the track record of a company, capitalization, support, and customer relationship management.

The future of Evergreen

Work on Evergreen continues, with the PINES team gearing up for a second version, which will include acquisitions and serials management and enhanced reporting features.

Evergreen's source code has also been released under an open source license, making it available for other libraries to use and adapt. Its modern interfaces and fresh thinking about library automation problems are sure to be influential in other developments as well. "The new software is generating considerable excitement among patrons and library staff across Georgia, across the country, and even internationally," says Julie Walker, PINES program director. "We've had inquiries from as far away as South Africa." It joins other open source library systems such as Koha, increasing the noncommercial options for library systems (see "Evergreen Powers LibLime," above). PINES folks are showcasing the system at a number of

Evergreen Powers LibLime

If your library is located outside Georgia, you may still be able to use the Evergreen system via LibLime, an emerging open source support company. Joshua Ferraro, LibLime president, describes LibLime's role, noting that they provide "hosting, data migration, installation, training, and technical support" to libraries looking to migrate to Evergreen. LibLime is intimately familiar with the Evergreen project, having been retained by PINES during its development to provide quality assurance and National Circulation Interface Protocol (NCIP) support.

Ferraro says, "[PINES] librarians are happy with Evergreen. Plus, suggestions are sometimes implemented within hours." One benefit of open source projects is the visibility of the bug list, where enhancements and problems can be openly tracked.

LibLime currently has four employees and partners with ten subcontractors; it is in the process of hiring another four employees for development and support. The company has 50 clients, including public libraries in Ohio and libraries in France, New Zealand, Switzerland, and Canada. Several large U.S. public libraries are reportedly in discussion with the company about Evergreen.

The company's origins are in the Koha project, an open source ILS developed for New Zealand libraries. Ferraro became familiar with Koha as system administrator, Nelsonville Public Library, OH, where he implemented it with then-director Stephen Hedges in 2002. Ferraro became release manager for Koha version 3 this year. Meanwhile, Hedges has become executive director at OPLIN, the Ohio Public Library Information Network.—Jay Datema

upcoming events and conferences and will strive to build a community around the open source project, since improvements to the software benefit all users.

Implementing Evergreen was certainly hard work, but it has shown that an in-house team can successfully compete with commercial vendors in the library automation sphere. Much of the project's success can be attributed to the close working relationship of developers and end users—a condition that is difficult to replicate for a software vendor serving many customers and the reason that in-house development may sometimes be a viable and even preferable option for libraries.

Georgia Library Day*

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Atlanta

** Sponsored by the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), Georgia Library Association (GLA) and the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA)*

- 8:45 A.M. Registration, coffee and juice – Floyd Building (Twin Towers, 20th floor, West Tower)
- 9:15 A.M. Welcome – GLA President – Floyd Building
- 9:20 A.M. Remarks from Georgia Legislative and Other Invited Guests – Floyd Building
- 10:00 A.M. Comments from the Georgia Library Community and Organizations – Floyd Building
- 10:45 A.M. Teacher Retirement System of Georgia Update – Floyd Building
- 11:00 A.M. Visit the Capitol (Please contact your legislators prior to your arrival on February 13. Let them know you will be attending this event.) – Georgia State Capitol
- 11:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Box lunch with your legislator – Floyd Building

Registration Form (please complete one for each registrant)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Library Name: _____

My Library is in Georgia Senate District(s)*: _____

My Library is in Georgia House District(s)*: _____

*Georgia Secretary of State Website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/locator.asp>

Please enclose: Registration form and \$29 per person. Make check payable to GLA. Reference "Registration" in note section. Payment must be received by February 1, 2007. Mail payment to: Georgia Library Association: P.O. Box 793, Rex, GA 30273. Contact: Gordon Baker at 678/466-4325 or gordonbaker@clayton.edu for more information.

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Athens-Clarke County Library

Athens Regional Library System
Athens, Georgia

Address: 2025 Baxter Street
Athens, GA 30606
Date Founded: 1880
Date Built: 1992
Architect: Nix, Mann, Viehman
Director: Kathryn Ames
Special Collections: Athens History Archives, Genealogy,
African-American History

At the Athens-Clarke County Library you can get locked in with your ancestors or read to an audience who will sit up and beg for more.

In the late 1700s Athens was a mere trading settlement named "Cedar Shoals" on the banks of the Oconee River. Then some of the surrounding land was purchased as a site for the first state-supported, chartered university in Georgia. Lots adjacent to the University of Georgia campus were sold and developed, and the area was renamed "Athens" in honor of the Greek city known for learning and culture. Athens was incorporated as a town in 1806.

In 1801 Clarke County was established by the Georgia General Assembly. Its population grew along with that of Athens, and in the 1800s agriculture, cotton, and textile production were major industries in the area. The first public library in Athens opened in 1880. It closed during the 1920s for lack of funding but reopened in 1936 with support from the federal Works Progress Administration and the Women's Club. Today the Athens Regional Library System serves five counties with eleven branches



Neighborhood children celebrate the inauguration of the Pinewoods Biblioteca with a traditional dance.
Courtesy of Stacey Overstreet.

There is more treasure in books than
in all the pirates' loot on Treasure
Island . . . and best of all, you can enjoy
these riches every day of your life.

—Walt Disney

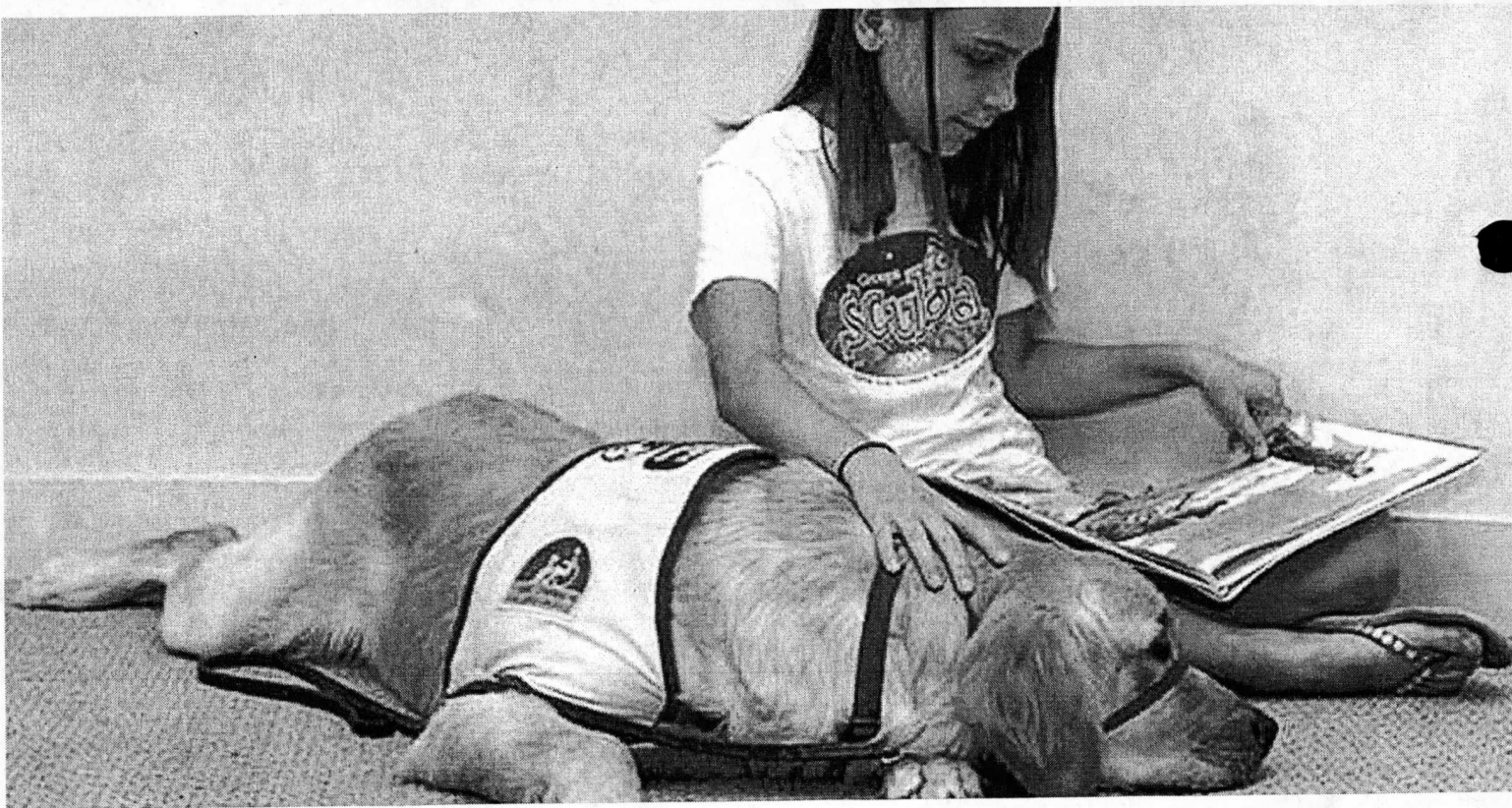
and a collection of more than 370,000 items. The Athens-Clarke County Library is headquarters for the system and has been at its present location since 1992.



Paws for Applause

An example of the library's community outreach is the Read to Rover program. Young readers who have difficulty reading practice on canine listeners who themselves are in training to help the disabled. The dogs, to the children's delight, are rapt and nonjudgmental listeners. The Read to Rover program is the result of an alliance between the library and raiser-and-dog teams affiliated with Canine Companions for Independence. University of Georgia graduate student Rika Toll initiated the sessions. The program promotes reading, "which is what the library is all about," says Gail Firestone, the library's assistant director for youth services.

The library is also a place where patrons learn about their ancestors. The library's genealogical archives are housed in a temperature-controlled room. Patrons can attend lectures on preserving treasured personal documents or on compiling and organizing genealogical records. During the Genealogical Lock-In—A Night Owl Prowl at the Heritage Room, patrons spend the night locked in the genealogy room, researching to their heart's content.



A young reader and canine listener in the Read to Rover program.

Children of all ages come to have their imaginations tickled. Young children are entertained with storytelling, educated through animal encounters, and captivated by crafts. They can also meet authors, explore outer space, or watch a puppet show. Teens can learn chess, participate in crafts and games, watch movies, or share their talents in a coffeehouse atmosphere.

The program Live! at the Library presents musical concerts ranging from wind quartets to easy listening. The concerts, sponsored by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library, are free. Or patrons can listen to an evening of classical poetry, get tips on improving their workplace, discuss world affairs, or get help with the newest Medicare plans. They can watch free international and independent films. They also can take workshops in computer use, join a book discussion group, or explore African-American and Native American history through printed material, videos, and online resources.



Cultural Exchange

In 2004 the library was awarded a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to meet three goals. One goal was to improve immigrant educational levels because the number of Mexican immigrants to the area has increased dramatically since 1990. A second goal was to increase the use of the library. A third goal was to provide an educational and cultural exchange between immigrants and the established community.

To these ends the Pinewood Biblioteca library/

learning center was established. It is housed in a trailer in a predominantly Hispanic trailer park and serves seventy to eighty patrons a day, offering programs on health issues and job recruitment and cultural celebrations. Art, music, and reading programs are offered to young people, as are classes in English and Spanish. Tutoring is available for middle and high school students. Bilingual Internet classes are also offered. When a student completes the high school equivalency program called "Plaza Comunitaria," a Mexican high school diploma is awarded.

The programs are designed to bring Hispanic and non-Hispanic residents together to learn about each others' language and customs. In a poem written by Antonio Deltoro and printed in the Biblioteca inaugural booklet, the ending lines speak to the idea behind the effort: "because for words, nothing is ever foreign."



Athens-Clarke County Library. Courtesy of Burke Walker.

THE MAN

His face is on the ten-dollar bill, but most Americans know more about Hamilton's death in a duel than his remarkable life as one of the most brilliant and influential figures in U.S. history. "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" tells the story of Hamilton's astonishing rise in five short years from an orphaned, 15-year-old West Indies immigrant to George Washington's war time aide, and later, at age 32, Washington's Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton was a complex and controversial figure—a Revolutionary War patriot and soldier, financial and legal genius, and an ardent opponent of slavery. He was the chief architect of many of the financial, political and legal institutions so familiar to Americans today.

Hamilton's journalistic campaign, through the Federalist Papers, to convince the American people to ratify the Constitution equals in importance his creation of the Bank of the United States and the New York Stock Exchange and his pioneering efforts in the area of constitutional law. The young Treasury Secretary's economic strategies saved the country from staggering Revolutionary war debts. By the time Hamilton retired in 1795, the United States was fiscally sound and poised to become a major world economic and political leader. In the opinion of many historians, Hamilton made the early republic work and set the agenda for its future.

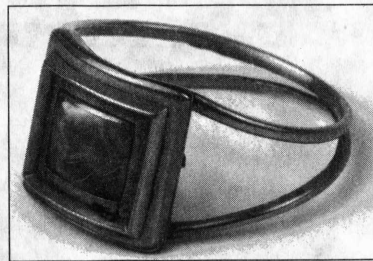
**"A well adjusted person is one
who makes the same mistake twice
without getting nervous."**

Alexander Hamilton

THE EXHIBIT

"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" was organized by the New-York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association, and has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is based on the New-York Historical Society's exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of Hamilton's death as well as the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1804.

The exhibition looks at Hamilton's life and death through the relationships he forged with important people in politics and government, and through his ideas, ideas which often clashed with those of other prominent national figures. Hamilton was a fascinating figure in the early history of the United States, but too-little is known about his contributions. Looking again at the debate that took place when this country was founded should help 21st century Americans better understand why the government, the courts, our banking system and our economy are organized the way they are. Hamilton's pivotal role in providing a foundation for the complex society we live in today will be a revelation for many who view this exhibit.

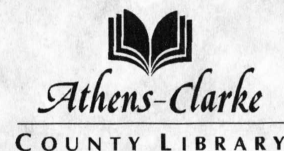


Mourning ring, 1805. New-York Historical Society, Gift of Mr. B. Pendleton Rogers.

This gold ring, set with a lock of Hamilton's hair, was presented by Elizabeth Hamilton to Nathaniel Pendleton, her late husband's second in his duel with Aaron Burr.

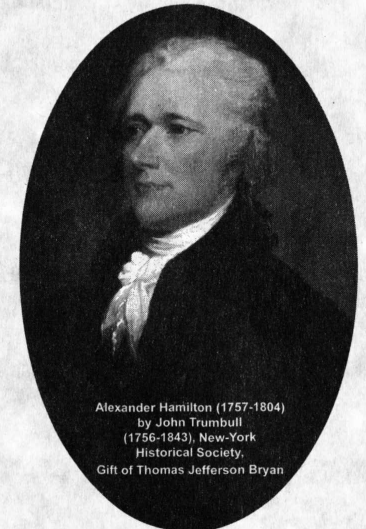
**"Those who
stand for
nothing fall
for anything."**

Alexander Hamilton

**Athens-Clarke
COUNTY LIBRARY**

**The Man Who Made
Modern America**

*A*LEXANDER
*Y*HAMILTON



Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804)
by John Trumbull
(1756-1843), New-York
Historical Society,
Gift of Thomas Jefferson Bryan

**An exhibit at the
Athens-Clarke County Library**

December 21, 2006 - February 16, 2007

**Athens-Clarke County Library
2025 Baxter Street
706-613-3650
www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us**

Tuesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium
**"ALEXANDER HAMILTON:
FAVORITE SON" &
OPENING RECEPTION**

The documentary "Alexander Hamilton: Favorite Son" will be shown in the Library's auditorium, and will be followed by a brief discussion. The film chronicles Hamilton's role in the American Revolution, in the ratification of the Constitution, and in creating the financial structure of the United States while acting as President Washington's Secretary of the Treasury. It addresses his personal life and the duel in 1804 in Weehawken, N.J., that ended his life. Following the film and discussion, the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library invite patrons to attend the opening reception and then to view the exhibition panels and accompanying displays.



Sunday, January 7, 3 p.m.
Library Auditorium
**ALEXANDER HAMILTON:
THE POST-CABINET YEARS
(1795 - 1804)**

Dr. Buckner Melton Jr. discusses Alexander Hamilton's life from 1795, when he left his position as Treasury Secretary, to 1804, when he died following a duel with Aaron Burr. Melton, the Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at Mercer University, specializes in American Constitutional History, and has written a book on Burr called *Aaron Burr: Conspiracy to Treason* (2002). Although retired from the Cabinet, Hamilton by no means stayed out of the political fray. Dr. Melton will talk about Hamilton's role in the presidential election of 1800; the antagonistic relationship between Hamilton and John Adams; and his relationship with Burr, which cost Hamilton his life at age 47.



The GILDER LEHRMAN Institute of
American History

Sunday, January 28, 3 p.m.
Library Auditorium
**THE BANK OF THE U.S.:
CORNERSTONE OF
HAMILTON'S FISCAL POLICY**

Dr. Stephen Mihm, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Georgia, discusses the money supply in the United States from the late 1780s to the late 1830s and the creation of a national bank. As the nation's first Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton argued for the need for a central bank for the fledgling Republic. He advocated a strong, centralized federal government, including a strong banking system. This idea was bitterly opposed by many, including Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Hamilton prevailed, and the First Bank of the United States was chartered by Congress in 1791. Dr. Mihm will discuss the ups and downs of the Bank, and its ultimate demise in the late 1830s.



Sunday, February 11, 3 p.m.
Library Auditorium
**THE HAMILTON ERA
IN
GEORGIA**

Mary Ellen Brooks, Director of the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia, will lead a discussion about Georgia during Alexander Hamilton's lifetime. The Hargrett Library is providing a display case of items from their collection during the exhibition. Diaries, letters, maps and manuscripts from the Federalist period will be on display and will be the topic of a lecture. Ms. Brooks will explain the documents in the context of Hamilton's lifetime, including the world of politics, art and the daily life of colonial Georgians. Included among the documents scheduled to be on display is a copy of a letter from George Washington to George Walton, then-governor of Georgia.



"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" is a national traveling exhibition organized by the New-York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association. The traveling exhibition has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to expanding American understanding of human experience and cultural heritage.

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Circulation Statistics FY2007

Athens-Clarke

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491	56,063
August	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103	51,182
September	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997	49,186
October	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474	47,202
November	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990	43,597
December	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808	36,177
January	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340	
February	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215	
March	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100	
April	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983	
May	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019	
June	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460	
TOTALS	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980	
In-House Use			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349	

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens -Materials Reshelfed After Use

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553	296
August		2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537	292
September		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210	1,174
October		2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728	1,896
November		1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962	1,292
December		1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687	
January	1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240	
February	2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314	
March	2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052	
April	2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921	
May	1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682	
June	2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331	
TOTALS	12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

Winterville

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116	1,468
August	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902	1,104
September	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714	932
October	681	578	738	990	990	963	921	1,002
November	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430	930
December	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667	607
January	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052	
February	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073	
March	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152	
April	370	613	676	706	807	636	811	
May	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	1,137	
June	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	1,669	
TOTALS	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644	
In-house Use				11,596	3,562	3640	2,743	

Bookmobile

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157	524
August	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173	683
September	1,206	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173	0
October	921	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	0	0
November	1,717	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555	0
December	1,083	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261	0
January	1,276	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758	
February	876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765	
March	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002	
April	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	810	
May	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	543	
June	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	244	479	
TOTALS	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	8,676	

East Athens Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		133	978	492	1,194
August		80	454	478	274
September		234	34	265	38
October	33	917	1,124	518	520
November	9	426	218	849	835
December	193	585	34	502	1710
January	158	635	828	58	
February	227	538	41	577	
March	148	533	391	340	
April	129	837	413	478	
May	111	578	589	1222	
June	52	777	580	1892	
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684	7671	
In-House Use	639	10,166	9,204	2,626	

Lay Park Resource Center

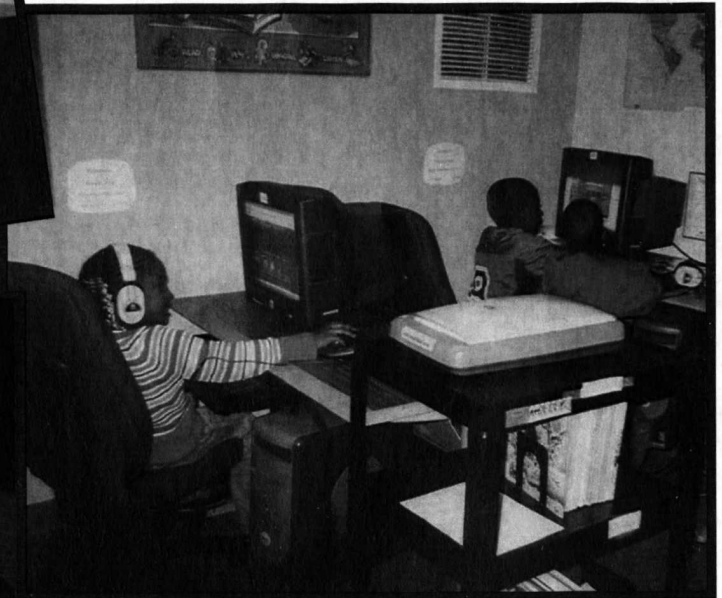
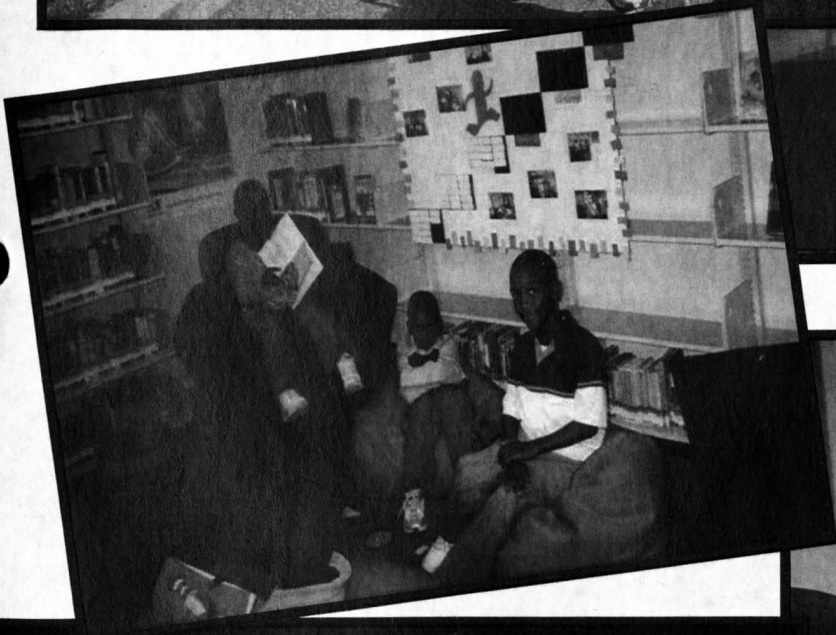
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		137	3,549	686	1,428
August		73	990	398	666
September		382	543	257	1148
October	4	381	644	1058	1156
November	49	385	538	358	926
December	238	423	475	746	700
January	167	373	497	888	
February	112	124	395	773	
March	160	177	999	1004	
April	127	139	533	1343	
May	118	172	1,077	1222	
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304	
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037	
In-House Use	999	13,988	6,396	6,656	

Pinewoods

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		440	274
August		977	171
September		341	1504
October		303	1492
November		1285	1392
December		141	1050
January		334	
February		145	
March	110	539	
April	603	147	
May	744	117	
June	664	2743	
TOTALS	2,121	7512	
In-House Use		12,284	

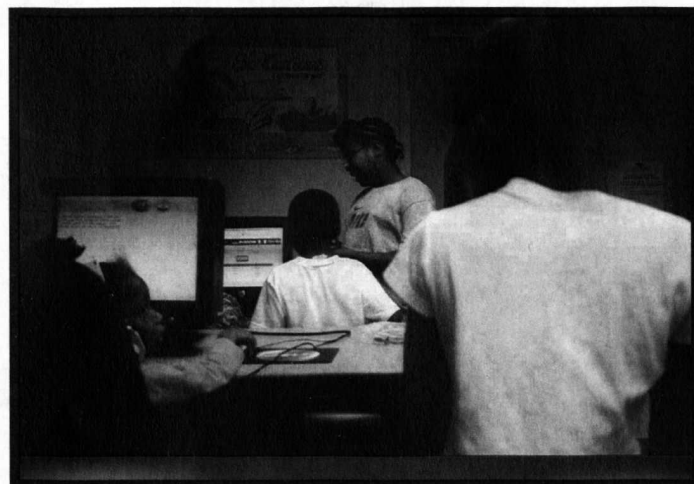
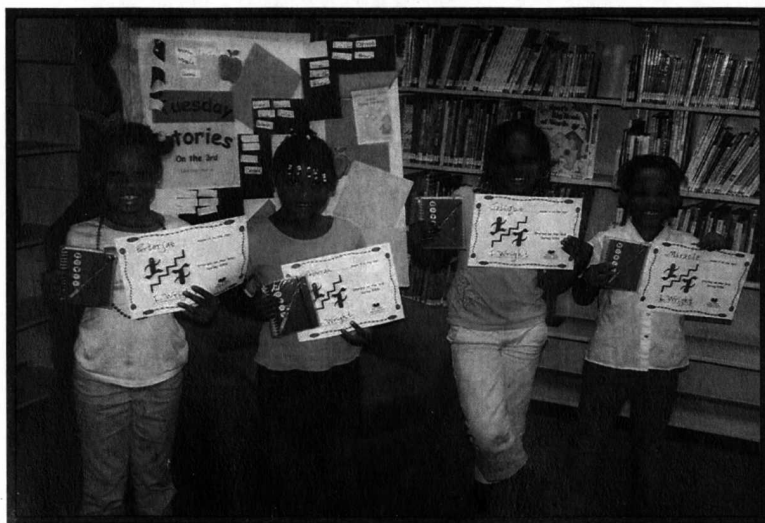
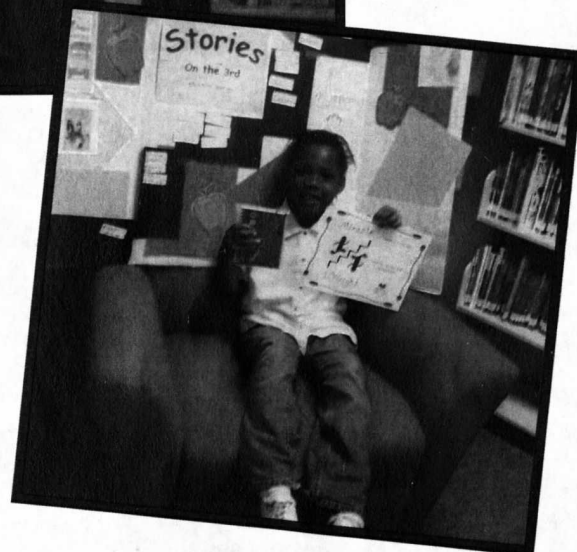
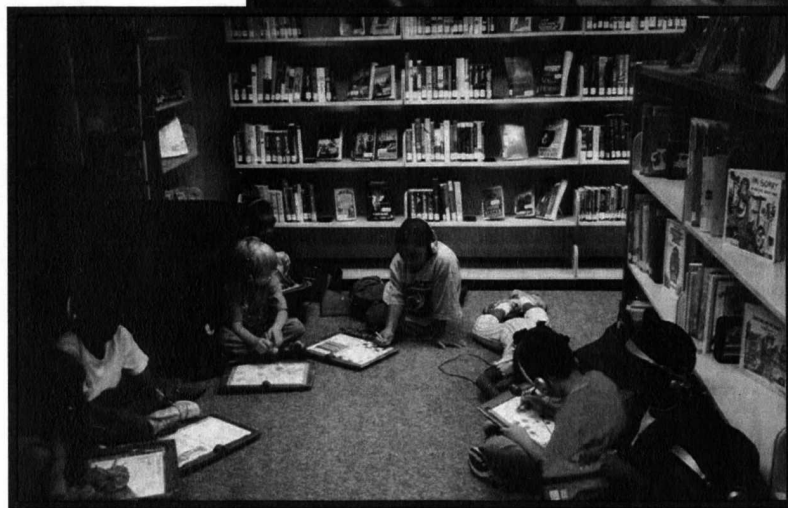
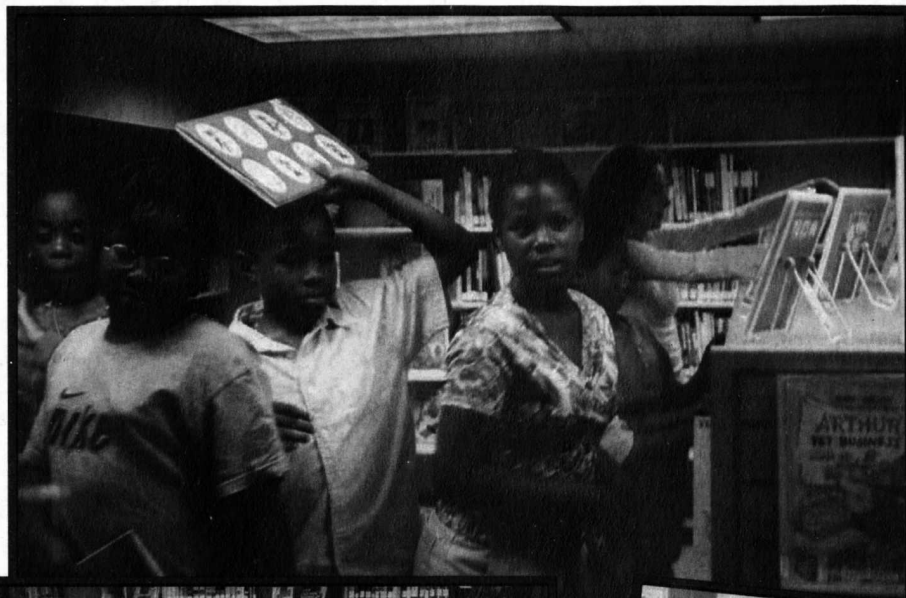
Lay Park Resource Center


Dorothy Harrison, Branch Manager



East Athens Resource Center

Kisha Wright, Branch Manager



From: Pam Blake Add sender to contact list**To:** Ann Dunn, Anjanette Williams, Cilla Hawks-Bradley**Cc:** Kathryn Ames**Date:** Friday, December 8, 2006 10:05 AM**Subject:** Building Committee Issue

I'm sure ya'll can probably hash this one out without having to meet by using email or the phone. We've had a request from St. Mary's Hospital asking if they can lease 10-15 spaces of our parking lot (the spaces closest to Baxter St. and the Hospital) for 8-10 months while they undergo still more construction. The time period mentioned is April 2007 to December 2007.

Kathie asked me to let you know about this so you could decide if we should comply with their request and if so what price should be set on the monthly lease fo the spaces. She also wanted to let you know that this would be before our own construction phases begin.

If you need any further information, my contact at St. Mary's is Cleo at 706-372.4369.

Pam Blake

**Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
January 18, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:42. Present were Mr. Mathis and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Gresham and Mr. Jones (Oglethorpe County); Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Luke, and Ms. Stratton (Oconee County); Ms. Lane, and Mr. Timmons (Athens-Clarke County); Ms. Coutant and Mr. Ingram (Madison County). Mr. Shapiro, Mrs. Murray and Ms. Gothard were excused. Ms. Dunn was absent. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Mr. Deal and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of October 19, 2006 board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Lane.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Mr. Jones and Ms. Stratton.

There were no members of the public present.

Financial Report. The second quarter FY07 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. All local boards have met and some monies have been received since those meetings which changed the draft of the report members were emailed. Regionally we are at 49.99% for revenues and 46.28% for expenditures. At half-way through the fiscal year, that is right where we should be. We are over budget on operating and repairs to the van both because of the high cost of gasoline plus a \$2000 repair item.

Staff Report. Greg Deal presented a report relative to technology in the region. A new Technology Plan will be submitted at next quarter's meeting emphasizing 1) a regular hardware replacement cycle; 2) better management of the computers we have (350); 3) training for staff and patrons. We have spent both Priority 1 and 2 of the Gates Foundation Grants so if you haven't seen new computers in your branches you should soon. Wireless has been implemented at Athens, Oconee and Madison County libraries. We have a third T-1 line, but it has not made as much difference as we thought. Several times a day we are at 95% capacity on all 3 lines. We have asked the state for a T-3 line to increase speed and capacity. The next round of phone bills should reflect a rebate for E-rate from Windstream.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

Oconee County: Mr. Zimmerman said the door count was down a bit, but computer use was up. He mentioned many activities such as the Young Adult Halloween Festival which had 100 participants; the 8th annual Friends' Family Fun Day; Backstage with Cory Smith and a series of programs on different religious faiths which will be ongoing during the next three months.

Franklin County: Mr. Mathis reported that computer use was up there too. There are active Friends groups at both libraries. Royston has a new TV and cart and a new letter board sign to advertise library events. Lavonia Friends paid for large print books and will have a Meet the Author program in March. The City of Lavonia has set up a meeting to see how SPLOST funds will be spent.

Madison County: Mr. Ingram said computer use was up and their Open House for the re-opening of the Library was well attended. They had special events each month. The budget had been submitted to the Commission. They do not have the tax digest yet, so for now, the library will receive the same as last year. They will try to give a little extra in salaries to employees.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Jones reported their meeting was primarily concerned with budgetary problems. The branch manager has not had a raise in 3 years. He asked how the board could get more political – the library is the most used agency with the least amount of funding. Other county employees are getting raises. A library committee was formed to attend every Commission meeting until the budget is passed. They will deplete their reserves this year.

Athens-Clarke County: Ms. Lane noted that the board had welcomed three new board members. During the SPLOST renovation parking spaces may be lost and the Building Committee was talking with the Clarke County Board of Education about an easement along the back of the building which would add 30 parking places for staff. They had just had a positive meeting with the BOE today prior to this meeting. The Finance Committee is working on the budget presentation to the County Commission in February. Mrs. Lane also mentioned the passage and amendment to our Unruly Behavior Policy so a procedure is now in place regarding what to do with underage minors who cause problems at the library.

Director's Report. The Director's written report was presented. Mrs. Ames noted that Ms. Firestone will retire March 1 and she's only received 4 qualified applicants. She also noted the hiring of Trudi Green to head the Information Services Team. Ms. Ames said she has seen a copy of the Governor's budget and he has recommended an additional 18 cents per capita increase. However, no public library construction projects were recommended which doesn't impact us this year, but will in the next cycle. IMLS grant – the Pinewoods project will be up in September of this year. It has made a great impact on the Hispanic community and she is hoping we will be granted an extension of the grant with a new component added – use of UGA College of Education's measurements to see how well tests scores improve with tutoring. Mrs. Ames also mentioned the unfunded mandate re: Joshua's Law – could bring more high-schoolers into the library to complete the required curriculum online.

Old Business

Ms. Lane presented the Nominating Committee's report for new Executive Board members: They are Bill Prokasy, Chair; Gerald Ingram, Vice-Chair; Janet Stratton, Treasurer; and Wayne Miller, Member-at-Large. The report was unanimously accepted after a second from Mr. Timmons.

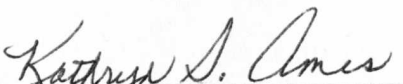
New Business

1. The Director's evaluation was distributed along with a stamped envelope to return the completed evaluation to Ms. Stratton, Chair of the Personnel Committee in the next two weeks. Mrs. Ames report of the highlights of this past year was also distributed.
2. The board authorized the library to join the consortia of libraries moving to Blackbaud as their accounting system on a motion and second from Mr. Miller and Mr. Zimmerman. A grant of \$4000 was accepted for Blackbaud; \$1500 was approved as an annual maintenance fee; and \$3000 was authorized for the conversion of records.

Other Business

Mr. Mathis asked for suggestions on getting the word out about the sale of the Bookmobile. Mr. Gresham indicated he was interested on behalf of another group he belongs to. We may put a For Sale sign on it and advertise in the classifieds that we'll accept offers until the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 on a motion from Mr. Timmons and Mr. Zimmerman.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
AGENDA
January 18, 2007

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of October 19, 2006

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Greg Deal, Automation Report

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

Report from Nominating Committee- Fran Lane

New Business.

Director's Evaluation - due to Personnel Committee chair two weeks after receiving Director's report.

Change in Accounting Systems

- a. Accept \$4000 grant for Blackbaud
- b. Approve \$1500 annual maintenance fee
- c. Conversion of records fee - estimated \$3000

Other Business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Legislative Day: February 13, 2007

Next Meeting: April 19, 2007

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i>Regional:</i>				
Outreach	103,400.00	51,700.00	51,700.00	50.00%
Interest	4,000.00	1,927.26	2,072.74	48.18%
Personnel	628,121.34	314,060.67	314,060.67	50.00%
Materials	123,916.46	61,958.23	61,958.23	50.00%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	67,274.16	67,274.15	50.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	71,719.65	71,719.65	50.00%
Totals	<u>1,137,425.41</u>	<u>568,639.97</u>	<u>568,785.44</u>	<u>49.99%</u>

<i>Athens-Clarke County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	1,556,584.00	778,292.00	778,292.00	50.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00		13,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	41,781.11	46,293.89	47.44%
Interest	6,000.00	787.50	5,212.50	13.13%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>820,860.61</u>	<u>842,798.39</u>	<u>49.34%</u>

<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	50.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	7,750.02	22,600.98	25.53%
Bellsouth E-rate (Royston)	-	1,133.18	(1,133.18)	
Fines and Fees	6,000.00	3,868.50	2,131.50	64.48%
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>57,751.70</u>	<u>38,599.30</u>	<u>59.94%</u>

<i>Madison County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	160,929.00	80,464.50	80,464.50	50.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	5,373.22	5,626.78	48.85%
Totals	<u>171,929.00</u>	<u>85,837.72</u>	<u>86,091.28</u>	<u>49.93%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	315,429.00	157,714.50	157,714.50	50.00%
Board of Education	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	0.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	0.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	13,337.42	12,162.58	52.30%
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>171,051.92</u>	<u>218,877.08</u>	<u>43.87%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	23,250.06	23,249.94	50.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	-	100.00	0.00%
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	8,500.00	7,042.92	1,457.08	82.86%
Meeting Room	300.00	75.00	225.00	25.00%
Transfer from Reserve	6,515.00	-	6,515.00	0.00%
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>45,367.98</u>	<u>32,747.02</u>	<u>58.08%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,537,408.41</u>	 <u>1,749,509.90</u>	 <u>1,787,898.51</u>	 <u>49.46%</u>

Athens Regional Library
FY2007
July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Regional:</i>				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	4,118.78	4,109.22	50.06%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	6,905.87	(95.87)	101.41%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	788.26	3,211.74	19.71%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	0.00%
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	2,962.45	12,037.55	19.75%
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	459.28	11,540.72	3.83%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	705.00	(705.00)	
Mobile Telephone	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	2,943.00	4,057.00	42.04%
Travel	7,000.00	433.84	6,566.16	6.20%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	230.60	1,769.40	11.53%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	1,672.00	328.00	83.60%
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	-	2,420.00	0.00%
Insurance	17,142.00	-	17,142.00	0.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	13,364.16	8,635.84	60.75%
Personnel	628,121.34	314,060.67	314,060.67	50.00%
Materials	123,916.46	39,539.21	84,377.25	31.91%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	62,274.16	72,274.15	46.28%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	75,947.24	67,492.06	52.95%
Totals	<u>1,137,425.41</u>	<u>526,404.52</u>	<u>611,020.89</u>	<u>46.28%</u>
<i>Athens-Clarke County:</i>				
Outreach	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	50.00%
Personnel	1,399,763.00	634,290.89	765,472.11	45.31%
Operating Expenses	219,896.00	94,025.19	125,870.81	42.76%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>750,316.08</u>	<u>913,342.92</u>	<u>45.10%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Outreach	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	50.00%
Personnel	73,576.00	35,995.02	37,580.98	48.92%
Operating Expenses	7,775.00	1,639.97	6,135.03	21.09%
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>45,134.99</u>	<u>51,216.01</u>	<u>46.84%</u>
<i>Madison County:</i>				
Outreach	14,900.00	7,450.00	7,450.00	50.00%
Personnel	124,580.00	62,890.68	61,689.32	50.48%
Operating Expenses	32,449.00	14,874.18	17,574.82	45.84%
Totals	<u>171,929.00</u>	<u>85,214.86</u>	<u>86,714.14</u>	<u>49.56%</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Outreach	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	50.00%
Personnel	345,375.00	143,310.10	202,064.90	41.49%
Operating Expenses	24,554.00	15,244.42	9,309.58	62.09%
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>168,554.52</u>	<u>221,374.48</u>	<u>43.23%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Outreach	9,500.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	50.00%
Personnel	58,854.00	26,397.45	32,456.55	44.85%
Operating Expenses	9,761.00	4,061.93	5,699.07	41.61%
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>35,209.38</u>	<u>42,905.62</u>	<u>45.07%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,537,408.41</u>	 <u>1,610,834.35</u>	 <u>1,926,574.06</u>	 <u>45.54%</u>

Director's Report

January 18, 2007

Staff Development

The ALA grant to attend the International Book Festival in Guadalajara, Mexico, provided an excellent opportunity to meet vendors who specialize in Spanish language materials. With the exception of meals, the costs were covered by the grant and it was very worthwhile! We purchased all of the materials—books, DVDs, CDs and other items during the 3 days of the conference and enjoyed the history of the area.

Jackie Elsner attended the Performer's Showcase in Atlanta to select performers for this Summer Reading Program across the region. She is negotiating a schedule and activities and will have a list for us at the April meeting.

All Branch Managers and children's staff have been invited to attend the annual children's Reading Program planning conference in February. The plans will include ideas for implementing various reading activities.

Miguel Vicente from the Pinewoods Library traveled as a guest of the Mexican government to Vera Cruz for a weeklong training program featuring Plaza Comunitaria. The Georgia State Board of Education has adopted that curriculum and Miguel has been advising them on how to use it in local schools. He is also participating on a Diversity Panel with the Clarke School District.

IMLS Grant

Since our last meeting, Fernando Meza and Bertha Murietta visited Athens for 10 days, presenting slide shows of Mexican Art, taking part in Dia de los Muertes activities, leading a photography workshop at Pinewoods and Lyndon House, and enjoying the artists of the Athens area. We have been very pleased with our partnership with the Lyndon House and find that we have much in common! Fernando teaches lithography and art history at the University of Vera Cruz and felt right at home in the Athens community, meeting with students at the Art Department. He also met with a variety of local artists during a studio tour.

We are currently working on a new grant application which would extend this grant for another 3 years. The emphasis will continue to be family literacy but will add a research component to the proposal. Our partners will be the Lyndon House and we will add CLASE [Center for Latin American Success in Education] from the UGA College of Education who will train volunteers to work with the children in Pinewoods. As a part of this goal, we will be gathering statistics to show that newly arrived children who have access to tutorial assistance and the support of the library will be able to learn English quickly, improve their standardized scores, and will meet or exceed local testing requirements.

Library Building Project

The Statewide Library Building Committee recommended to the Board of Regents that the cap on construction projects be increased to \$3 million up from \$2 million. This would impact our building budget and I have sent the Mayor a pre-application form using the \$3 million estimate.

The new Construction Package has a few changes in requirements, but we appear to be in good shape for meeting the various deadlines. The pre-application is due on Feb. 15 and Mayor Davison has signed the agreement. There will be a meeting with the architects, SPLOST representatives and Nate Rall from GPLS on Friday, Jan. 26 at 10.

Library Legislative Day

Library Legislative Day at the Capitol will be on February 13 and will begin with Coffee at 8:45 AM followed by remarks from various people. This year, the emphasis will be on visiting with legislators prior to lunch which will be held in the Floyd Room. I have already communicated with our legislative delegation about some of the issues. If you can attend, please let me know. If you're unable to attend, please do contact your representatives! These are issues that we know of this year:

- Bucks for Books [we are working on a new post card format to promote this]. Last year, we received a one-time \$2 million statewide grant for books. This added approximately 18 cents per capita to the 35 cents state minimum grant. This amount has been included in the continuation budget
- FY08Construction. Last year, 8 projects were funded under the state's formula. This year, the Governor's budget recommends none. This is a needed budget item, and we will need to work hard to be sure construction is included when the final budget is approved.
- Retirement issues having to do with health insurance have received a lot of attention during the fall; we need to be vigilant to be sure that the cost of this vital program is not altered.

I am meeting with Rep. Bob Smith at the Capitol tomorrow to discuss construction.

House Study Committee

The House Study Committee met 3 times in the Fall with the last meeting on December 28. Chaired by Rep. Chuck Sims, the Committee was charged at looking at public library governance and accountability. Ultimately, the Committee recommended that 3 new auditors solely responsible for accounting/auditing of public libraries should be added. [Currently, the Dept. of Audits has no obligation to audit libraries and the 22 single county libraries have to pay for their own audits. An estimate to audit our books ranged up to \$35,000]. The committee also recommended that local economic conditions be used as a factor in distributing grant funds.

Privately, Gerald Green, a legislator from the Bainbridge area, suggested that 35 cents per capita for books was far too low, but that this committee was not the venue for improvement. He suggested that the House Subcommittee on Higher Education chaired by Bob Smith of Watkinsville would be more appropriate and said he would work for us on that issue.

Regents Advisory Committee

R-PLAC met several times to prepare comments for the House Study Committee and will continue to meet to develop proposals for funding improvement through Rep. Smith's subcommittee. We have established several rules of governance and the criteria for state aid which will be submitted to the Board of Regents.

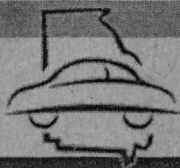
One of the great concerns that R-PLAC is studying deals with the break-up of regional systems. With 159 counties in Georgia, having 159 single county libraries would mean a decrease in service, duplication of effort, and a far more expensive system of operation. This is also a concern of the House Study Committee, although they did not include wording in their resolution.

Preliminary FY 2006 Annual Report - Expenditures

Library System	Total Salary Expenses	Total Salary Benefit Expenses	Total Expenditure for Personal Services	% of Budget Spent for Personal Services	Total Expenditure for Books and Materials	% of Budget Spent for Materials	Per Capita Expenditure for Materials	Total Expenditure for Other Operating Expenses	% Budget Spent for Other Operating Expenses	Grand Total of All Expenditures	2006 Household Population
Athens Regional Library System	\$2,146,864.01	\$534,511.80	\$2,681,375.81	74.84%	\$328,882.32	9.18%	\$ 1.75	\$572,534.85	15.98%	\$3,582,792.98	187,670
Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System	\$16,773,727.93	\$6,673,637.96	\$23,447,365.89	69.15%	\$3,484,967.52	10.28%	\$ 4.43	\$6,974,820.14	20.57%	\$33,907,153.55	787,148
Bartow County Library System	\$598,078.88	\$157,716.47	\$755,795.35	63.86%	\$167,775.94	14.18%	\$ 1.82	\$259,910.72	21.96%	\$1,183,482.01	91,960
Bartram Trail Regional Library System	\$328,152.50	\$76,279.61	\$404,432.11	74.42%	\$23,871.38	4.39%	\$ 0.71	\$115,122.35	21.18%	\$543,425.84	33,637
Brooks County Public Library System	\$172,248.41	\$47,201.37	\$219,449.78	79.49%	\$12,999.00	4.71%	\$ 0.82	\$43,614.00	15.80%	\$276,062.78	15,847
Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System	\$3,380,489.96	\$715,799.00	\$4,096,288.96	65.85%	\$936,072.96	15.05%	\$ 4.83	\$1,188,618.92	19.11%	\$6,220,980.84	193,958
Chattooga County Library System	\$226,446.58	\$65,970.74	\$292,417.32	78.01%	\$16,987.27	4.53%	\$ 0.66	\$65,458.34	17.46%	\$374,862.93	25,654
Cherokee Regional Library System	\$540,808.83	\$163,220.10	\$704,028.93	73.75%	\$51,078.32	5.35%	\$ 0.64	\$199,475.71	20.90%	\$954,582.96	79,442
Chestatee Regional Library System	\$669,369.38	\$189,837.98	\$859,207.36	78.25%	\$105,582.00	9.62%	\$ 2.40	\$133,188.62	12.13%	\$1,097,977.98	44,056
Clayton County Library System	\$1,819,222.00	\$491,759.40	\$2,310,981.40	72.58%	\$538,448.60	16.91%	\$ 1.95	\$334,495.77	10.51%	\$3,183,925.77	276,357
Coastal Plain Regional Library System	\$775,996.72	\$205,025.57	\$981,022.29	66.66%	\$171,667.20	11.67%	\$ 1.92	\$318,889.63	21.67%	\$1,471,579.12	89,210
Cobb County Public Library System	\$5,602,432.47	\$1,792,255.39	\$7,394,687.86	64.59%	\$1,989,153.41	17.37%	\$ 2.84	\$2,065,650.06	18.04%	\$11,449,491.33	701,335
Conyers-Rockdale Library System	\$712,558.55	\$169,626.77	\$882,185.32	72.72%	\$139,286.01	11.48%	\$ 1.83	\$191,595.81	15.79%	\$1,213,067.14	76,113
DeKalb County Public Library System	\$8,228,351.41	\$2,124,076.45	\$10,352,427.86	74.16%	\$1,952,355.21	13.99%	\$ 3.00	\$1,654,080.58	11.85%	\$13,958,863.65	650,682
Desoto Trail Regional Library System	\$445,231.20	\$129,839.48	\$575,070.68	70.66%	\$83,515.82	10.26%	\$ 1.39	\$155,233.07	19.07%	\$813,819.57	60,249
Dougherty County Public Library System	\$1,310,865.87	\$289,494.92	\$1,600,360.79	64.05%	\$721,023.37	28.85%	\$ 7.98	\$177,399.00	7.10%	\$2,498,783.16	90,378
East Central Georgia Regional Library System	\$3,184,151.60	\$1,028,312.16	\$4,212,463.76	66.18%	\$857,069.33	13.47%	\$ 2.63	\$1,295,339.49	20.35%	\$6,364,872.58	325,593
Elbert County Public Library System	\$173,369.45	\$71,683.30	\$245,052.75	78.14%	\$21,408.20	6.83%	\$ 1.03	\$47,163.44	15.04%	\$313,624.39	20,861
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library	\$161,795.97	\$73,733.52	\$235,529.49	64.85%	\$32,061.38	8.83%	\$ 1.99	\$95,584.55	26.32%	\$363,175.42	16,133
Flint River Regional Library System	\$2,039,177.00	\$517,388.21	\$2,556,565.21	67.37%	\$394,921.00	10.41%	\$ 1.60	\$843,597.42	22.23%	\$3,795,083.63	246,394
Forsyth County Public Library System	\$2,090,239.22	\$658,373.61	\$2,748,612.83	71.54%	\$488,559.47	12.72%	\$ 3.30	\$604,850.03	15.74%	\$3,842,022.33	147,832
Gwinnett County Public Library System	\$9,339,750.55	\$2,963,963.60	\$12,303,714.15	68.76%	\$2,802,033.76	15.66%	\$ 3.88	\$2,788,315.86	15.58%	\$17,894,063.77	721,575
Hall County Library System	\$1,221,444.00	\$357,142.00	\$1,578,586.00	68.18%	\$251,240.00	10.85%	\$ 1.53	\$485,531.00	20.97%	\$2,315,357.00	163,992
Hart County Library System	\$166,861.17	\$36,038.00	\$202,899.17	64.65%	\$13,797.56	4.40%	\$ 0.60	\$97,123.58	30.95%	\$313,820.31	22,901
Henry County Library System	\$1,108,899.82	\$307,886.35	\$1,416,786.17	69.36%	\$331,042.23	16.21%	\$ 1.90	\$294,910.06	14.44%	\$2,042,738.46	174,104
Houston County Public Libraries System	\$562,943.67	\$193,853.81	\$756,797.48	68.34%	\$105,101.43	9.49%	\$ 0.88	\$245,550.96	22.17%	\$1,107,449.87	119,382
Jefferson County Library System	\$238,455.64	\$52,639.00	\$291,094.64	75.11%	\$27,826.71	7.18%	\$ 1.72	\$68,627.82	17.71%	\$387,549.17	16,146
Kinchafoonee Regional Library System	\$448,536.59	\$128,706.11	\$577,242.70	72.12%	\$51,251.23	6.40%	\$ 1.82	\$171,866.65	21.47%	\$800,360.58	28,115
Lake Blackshear Regional Library System	\$540,960.23	\$142,409.15	\$683,369.38	69.00%	\$62,050.17	6.27%	\$ 0.89	\$244,993.90	24.74%	\$990,413.45	69,708
Lee County Public Library System	\$292,610.96	\$85,662.08	\$378,273.04	66.21%	\$77,148.21	13.50%	\$ 2.83	\$115,935.90	20.29%	\$571,357.15	27,241
Live Oak Public Library System	\$4,691,259.27	\$1,499,234.11	\$6,190,493.38	76.62%	\$672,218.10	8.32%	\$ 2.10	\$1,216,276.89	15.05%	\$8,078,988.37	320,781
Middle Georgia Regional Library System	\$2,484,886.00	\$815,032.00	\$3,299,918.00	73.13%	\$176,424.00	3.91%	\$ 0.80	\$1,036,046.00	22.96%	\$4,512,388.00	220,137
Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System	\$396,156.02	\$103,365.38	\$499,521.40	73.31%	\$57,467.43	8.43%	\$ 1.39	\$124,358.19	18.25%	\$681,347.02	41,412
Mountain Regional Library System	\$439,515.31	\$127,860.00	\$567,375.31	74.30%	\$42,346.58	5.55%	\$ 0.80	\$153,925.30	20.16%	\$763,647.19	52,890
Newton County Library System	\$771,133.80	\$241,301.96	\$1,012,435.76	66.54%	\$198,903.14	13.07%	\$ 2.31	\$310,221.55	20.39%	\$1,521,560.45	86,269
Northeast Georgia Regional Library System	\$994,887.28	\$290,411.59	\$1,285,298.87	69.36%	\$154,905.19	8.36%	\$ 1.47	\$412,918.39	22.28%	\$1,853,122.45	105,312
Northwest Georgia Regional Library System	\$1,012,430.89	\$323,176.42	\$1,335,607.31	70.60%	\$163,775.80	8.66%	\$ 0.68	\$392,457.18	20.74%	\$1,891,840.29	242,283
Ocmulgee Regional Library System	\$417,133.67	\$123,461.57	\$540,595.24	57.77%	\$102,714.11	10.98%	\$ 1.71	\$292,386.63	31.25%	\$935,695.98	60,041
Oconee Regional Library System	\$811,751.57	\$224,485.86	\$1,036,237.43	68.12%	\$138,877.18	9.13%	\$ 1.75	\$346,165.32	22.75%	\$1,521,279.93	79,313
Ochopee Regional Library System	\$317,195.84	\$71,309.53	\$388,505.37	72.98%	\$29,777.51	5.59%	\$ 0.57	\$114,041.98	21.42%	\$532,324.86	52,448
Okefenokee Regional Library System	\$575,800.71	\$169,198.29	\$744,999.00	77.46%	\$51,926.57	5.40%	\$ 0.63	\$164,843.47	17.14%	\$961,769.04	82,655
Peach County Public Libraries System	\$253,320.90	\$71,627.93	\$324,948.83	79.83%	\$12,769.18	3.14%	\$ 0.51	\$69,307.53	17.03%	\$407,025.54	24,820
Piedmont Regional Library System	\$867,907.95	\$198,209.56	\$1,066,117.51	69.47%	\$122,302.66	7.97%	\$ 0.98	\$346,145.39	22.56%	\$1,534,565.56	124,613
Pine Mountain Regional Library System	\$518,843.38	\$119,564.96	\$638,408.34	76.54%	\$62,009.40	7.43%	\$ 0.94	\$133,629.51	16.02%	\$834,047.25	66,078
Roddenberry Memorial Library System	\$362,785.46	\$108,652.15	\$471,437.61	64.07%	\$92,179.03	12.53%	\$ 3.90	\$172,144.75	23.40%	\$735,761.39	23,639
Sara Hightower Regional Library System	\$1,299,802.84	\$372,091.99	\$1,671,894.83	70.12%	\$264,036.71	11.07%	\$ 2.04	\$448,473.30	18.81%	\$2,384,404.84	129,724
Satilla Regional Library System	\$246,693.80	\$66,161.71	\$312,855.51	62.39%	\$37,564.75	7.49%	\$ 0.65	\$151,061.35	30.12%	\$501,481.61	58,031
Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System	\$328,090.45	\$79,474.10	\$407,564.55	64.35%	\$29,319.66	4.63%	\$ 1.27	\$196,477.31	31.02%	\$633,361.52	23,022
Sequoyah Regional Library System	\$2,067,318.08	\$620,441.05	\$2,687,759.13	71.29%	\$374,549.38	9.93%	\$ 1.55	\$707,799.92	18.77%	\$3,770,108.43	241,635
South Georgia Regional Library System	\$795,182.53	\$223,523.48	\$1,018,706.01	66.66%	\$171,168.43	11.20%	\$ 1.78	\$338,297.56	22.14%	\$1,528,172.00	96,038
Southwest Georgia Regional Library System	\$535,673.27	\$148,772.27	\$684,445.54	63.08%	\$179,855.86	16.57%	\$ 4.21	\$220,823.09	20.35%	\$1,085,124.49	42,752
Statesboro Regional Library System	\$1,021,131.36	\$253,372.62	\$1,274,503.98	68.25%	\$199,766.68	10.70%	\$ 1.59	\$393,003.21	21.05%	\$1,867,273.87	125,379

Preliminary FY 2006 Annual Report - Expenditures

Library System	Total Salary Expenses	Total Salary Benefit Expenses	Total Expenditure for Personal Services	% of Budget Spent for Personal Services	Total Expenditure for Books and Materials	% of Budget Spent for Materials	Per Capita Expenditure for Materials	Total Expenditure for Other Operating Expenses	% Budget Spent for Other Operating Expenses	Grand Total of All Expenditures	2006 Household Population
Thomas County Public Library System	\$505,313.00	\$154,491.82	\$659,804.82	63.85%	\$88,549.32	8.57%	\$ 2.07	\$284,948.57	27.58%	\$1,033,302.71	42,788
Three Rivers Regional Library	\$1,369,262.53	\$417,117.23	\$1,786,379.76	80.23%	\$166,239.22	7.47%	\$ 0.89	\$274,071.84	12.31%	\$2,226,690.82	186,936
Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library System	\$1,105,121.72	\$308,795.23	\$1,413,916.95	69.95%	\$121,546.24	6.01%	\$ 0.61	\$485,722.37	24.03%	\$2,021,185.56	198,252
Twin Lakes Library System	\$349,390.49	\$91,061.95	\$440,452.44	63.88%	\$65,106.47	9.44%	\$ 1.74	\$183,984.31	26.68%	\$689,543.22	37,375
Uncle Remus Regional Library System	\$1,115,145.84	\$402,394.42	\$1,517,540.26	73.15%	\$195,605.56	9.43%	\$ 1.26	\$361,519.54	17.43%	\$2,074,665.36	155,548
West Georgia Regional Library System	\$2,291,796.49	\$579,003.16	\$2,870,799.65	68.57%	\$595,217.96	14.22%	\$ 1.63	\$720,827.55	17.22%	\$4,186,845.16	365,685
Statewide Totals/Averages	\$93,244,971.02	\$28,647,636.25	\$121,892,607.27	70.15%	\$20,806,299.13	9.92%	\$ 2.37	\$31,901,356.23	19.93%	\$174,600,262.63	8,789,529

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Joshua's Law Explained

Effective January 1, 2007 there will be new requirements for class D driver's license

Are you familiar with Joshua's Law? It is a bill that changes the requirements that teen drivers must meet in order to obtain a Class D driver's license starting on January 1, 2007.

To get a Class D driver's license at age sixteen (16):

- You must have completed a driver education course approved by the Department of Driver Services and
- You also must have completed a cumulative total of at least forty (40) hours of other supervised driving experience, including at least six (6) hours at night.

If you have not completed an approved driver's education course, you cannot get your Class D driver's license until you reach age seventeen (17). Remember, forty (40) hours of driving experience, including six (6) hours of driving at night, is always required for a Class D driver's license.

Additional Information

Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA)

Obtaining a Learner's Permit

Obtain Your First Driver's License (Class D)

School and Your Driver's License

Links

Georgia Department of Drivers Services - <http://www.dds.ga.gov/>
Governor's Office of Highway Safety - <http://www.gohs.state.ga.us/>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Joshua's Law?**

Senate Bill 226 also known as "Joshua's Law" was passed during the 2005 General Assembly. Beginning January 1, 2007, all 16 year-olds applying for a Class D driver's license must complete an approved driver education course and complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 hours of which must be at night, with a parent or guardian's signature verification that these requirements have been met. Any Georgia resident who has completed an approved driver education course must be at least 17 years old to be eligible for a Class D driver's license. He or she must have completed a total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including at least 6 hours at night. The same verification in writing from a parent or guardian is required.

2. **Where can I find an approved driver's education course?**

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/teens/DTschools.aspx>

3. **Who conducts the 6 hours of night training?**
Parent of Legal Guardian
4. **What if my child is seventeen years old do the same rules apply?**
No, but they must have 40 hours of supervised driving (6 of which must be at night
5. **When does the law change take place?**
January 1, 2007
6. **Am I able to get an insurance reduction when my child completes a state approved Driver's Education course?**
Only a Certificate of Completion from a State Licensed School providing 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours behind the wheel instruction would be eligible for reduction in insurance premiums.
7. **What is the cost of a driver's education course?**
Costs are determined by the schools.
8. **Who can I contact for further information?**
Ask Teen Driver
9. **What if my child just moved in to the state of Georgia?**
Any 16 year old must have taken and approved Drivers Education Course to be issued license in Georgia. If you have taken a course out of state please contact DDS.

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Current State of the Library System

1. IMLS Grant for the Pinewoods Program, Advisory Board
2. ALA Alexander Hamilton Grant
3. Various grants for author visits, humanities programs, etc.
4. Technology—Gates Grant
 - Evergreen Conversion
 - Blackbaud Grant/Conversion
 - Training Programs
5. Personnel
6. Athens Building Project [Libris Software] and completion of the Madison County restoration
7. ARLS is # 5 in State for attendance at programs
8. ARLS is #7 in State for per capita circulation
9. Presentations to Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Pilot Club of Athens, participation with PPA

Statewide Activities

1. R-PLAC and House Study Committee
2. Buck for Books
3. Legislative Committee for Georgia Council
4. Presentations at BIG Conference at Emory, GLA, PLA
5. Developing Statewide Library Leadership Program
6. Board of FOGL

Problems During FY07

1. Audit requirements have changed; we have added staff to Business Office to meet separation of duties requirements. Changing to Consortium of Libraries using more reliable software
2. Budgets have not increased as much as needed. We need to do a better job involving our support groups in helping to sell the library.
3. Turn-over in positions has been an issue throughout the region. Part of this is the low wages paid and the expected increase in minimum wage may help; another reason is that we cannot afford to hire people full-time with benefits and must rely on part-time workers

For FY2008

1. Develop a mission statement for the entire system and updating local strategic plans with a focus on community needs.
2. Create reasonable budgets that reflect the increases needed to provide adequate service.
3. The Patron Satisfaction Survey conducted twice annually will exceed 85% favorable responses.
4. Continue to build partnerships with various agencies in the communities we serve, work to build on the strengths of the programs, and work to develop our staff members to be effective communicators with their communities.

Athens Regional Library
Director Evaluation
Annual Performance Appraisal Form

Revised 9/21/06

	1 Needs Work	2 Satisfactory	3 Successful	4 Exceptional	5 Don't Know
1. The director understands and implements the mission of the library.					
2. The director appropriately involves the board in matters of policy and governance.					
3. The director provides information to the board in the formulation of policies and in decision-making.					
4. The preparation for board and committee meetings is adequate.					
5. The director's philosophy concerning library services is in accord with the board as a whole.					
6. The director keeps the board informed about library activities.					
7. The director encourages board development by creating an environment where board members may participate in appropriate activities such as planning board orientation sessions, recommending attendance at seminars, offering board development workshops.					
8. The director provides the necessary leadership.					
9. The director is creative in solving problems.					
10. The director sets goals for the library and facilitates strategic planning.					
11. The director understands the needs of the organization's patrons and seeks to fill those needs with programs and services.					
12. The director stays current about new ideas and current trends in libraries.					
13. The director seeks input and involvement from other community agencies					
14. The director is involved to an appropriate extent in professional					

associations and other library activities.

15. The director is informed about the financial needs of the library and provides the board with accurate financial records.

16. The director ensures that organization funds are spent appropriately.

17. The director ensures that all governmental and legal requirements of the library are met.

18. The director has caused identifiable improvement to be made in the library during the past year.

19. The director works as an advocate for the organization before government agencies and the general public.

20. The director takes the initiative to increase job-related skills through training, conferences, networking or other creative means.

21. The director communicates effectively both verbally and in writing.

22. The director seeks and accepts advice and constructive criticism.

23. The director conducts him/herself in an ethical manner.

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
Summary of January 18, 2007 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:42. Present were Mr. Mathis and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Gresham and Mr. Jones (Oglethorpe County); Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Luke, and Ms. Stratton (Oconee County); Ms. Lane, and Mr. Timmons (Athens-Clarke County); Ms. Coutant and Mr. Ingram (Madison County). Mr. Shapiro, Mrs. Murray and Ms. Gothard were excused. Ms. Dunn was absent. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Mr. Deal and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of October 19, 2006 board meeting were unanimously approved .

The agenda was unanimously adopted. There were no members of the public present.

The second quarter FY07 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. All local boards have met and some monies have been received since those meetings which changed the draft of the report members were emailed. Regionally we are at 49.99% for revenues and 46.28% for expenditures. At half-way through the fiscal year, that is right where we should be. We are over budget on operating and repairs to the van both because of the high cost of gasoline plus a \$2000 repair item.

A staff report was given by Greg Deal relative to technology in the region. A new Technology Plan will be submitted at next quarter's meeting emphasizing 1) a regular hardware replacement cycle; 2) better management of the computers we have (350); 3) training for staff and patrons. We have spent both Priority 1 and 2 of the Gates Foundation Grants so if you haven't seen new computers in your branches you should soon. Wireless has been implemented at Athens, Oconee and Madison County libraries. We have a third T-1 line, but it has not made as much difference as we thought. Several times a day we are at 95% capacity on all 3 lines. We have asked the state for a T-3 line to increase speed and capacity. Next round of phone bills should reflect a rebate for E-rate from Windstream.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

The Director's written report was presented. Mrs. Ames noted that Ms. Firestone will retire March 1 and she's only received 4 qualified applicants. She also noted the hiring of Trudi Green to head the Information Services Team. Ms. Ames said she has seen a copy of the Governor's budget and he has recommended an additional 18 cents per capita increase. However, no public library construction projects were recommended which doesn't impact us this year, but will in the next cycle. IMLS grant – the Pinewoods project will be up in September of this year. It has made a great impact on the Hispanic community and she is hoping we will be granted an extension of the grant with a new component added – use of UGA College of Education's measurements to see how well tests scores improve with tutoring. Mrs. Ames also mentioned the unfunded

mandate re: Joshua's Law – could bring more high schoolers into the library to complete the required curriculum online.

Old Business

Ms. Lane presented the Nominating Committee's report for new Executive Board members: They are Bill Prokasy, Chair; Gerald Ingram, Vice-Chair; Janet Stratton, Treasurer; and Wayne Miller, Member-at-Large. The report was unanimously accepted.

New Business

1. The Director's evaluation was distributed along with a stamped envelope to return the completed evaluation to Ms. Stratton, Chair of the Personnel Committee in the next two weeks. Mrs. Ames report of the highlights of this past year was also distributed.
2. The board authorized the library to join the consortia of libraries moving to Blackbaud as their accounting system. A grant of \$4000 was accepted for Blackbaud; \$1500 was approved as an annual maintenance fee; and \$3000 was authorized for the conversion of records.

Other Business

Mr. Mathis asked for suggestions on getting the word out about the sale of the Bookmobile. Mr. Gresham indicated he was interested on behalf of another group he belongs to. We may put a For Sale sign on it and advertise in the classifieds that we'll accept offers until the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41.

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
April 10, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Eberhard, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Reynolds were excused. Ms. Hawks-Bradley was absent. Architect, David Moore, Mr. Crellen, Collins Project Management, and Don Martin, Athens-Clarke County Government were present as were staff members Ms. Hartel, Ms. Green, Mr. Deal, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of January 9, 2007 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion and second from Ms. Dunn and Ms. Bogue.

The agenda was unanimously adopted and new members were introduced

Financial Report. Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report for information purposes. Any questions were to be directed to Ms. Simonds by phone or email.

There was no public comment.

Building Committee: Ms. Williams, Chair, made a motion that the board accept the concept drawings from architect, David Moore. Mr. Moore gave the board an executive summary of the highlights of the drawings. Following some questions and discussion the Athens Clarke County Library Board unanimously supported the central plan and budget which had come from the architect on a motion and second from Mr. Prokasy and Mr. Timmons.

Staff Report: Greg Deal, Trudi Green and Mary Jean Hartel gave a report of Social Networking...using computers as a virtual meeting place for on-line communications. There are very few safety and security measures on these sites. Ms. Green and Ms. Hartel showed the board how we are trying to use these new communications method to entice teens and others to use our web site to connect with information in our library and to teach safety methods when using these sites..

Committee Reports followed

1. Finance Committee – no report about FY08 budget as yet.
2. Building Committee – Ms. Hawks-Bradley was not present. Issue regarding “no loitering” signs will be decided at a later date.
3. Book Action Committee – Mr. Gaither reported that his committee recommended that the DVD in question be checked out only to those 18 or over. Because this was an international film it is not rated. An Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Mr. Gaither, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Kauderer and Mr. Eberhard, was formed to see if our collection development policy could be tightened or some other remedy made to ensure that adults only viewed this material. They will report in July.
4. Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue reported the Friends made over \$17,719.19 at their annual book sale. Unfortunately this was \$3,000 less than last year primarily because of the location. Library Birthday party is Sunday, April 15.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had her written report for board members to review.

Unfinished Business.

FY08 Budget – Mayor's recommendation has not yet been published.

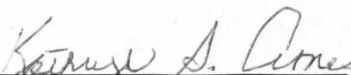
Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting was not available for the meeting.

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Athens-Clarke County Library
April 10, 2007

New Business.

Because the meeting had run so long, Mr. Eberhard, who had asked that book sales on library premises by outside groups/individuals, agreed to let the matter be taken up at the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 on a motion and second from Ms. Dunn and Mr. Mokler.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Summary, April 10, 2007 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:59 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Eberhard, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Reynolds were excused. Ms. Hawks-Bradley was absent. Architect, David Moore, Mr. Crellen, Collins Project Management, and Don Martin, Athens-Clarke County Government, were present as were staff members Ms. Hartel, Ms. Green, Mr. Deal, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of January 9, 2007 meeting were approved as mailed.

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

The Financial Report was presented for information purposes. Any questions were to be directed to Ms. Simmons by phone or email.

There was no public comment.

Building Committee: Ms. Williams, Chair, made a motion that the board accept the concept drawings from architect, David Moore. This was unanimously approved.

Staff Report: Greg Deal, Trudi Green and Mary Jean Hartel gave a report of Social Networking...using computers as a virtual meeting place for on-line communications. There are very few safety and security measures on these sites. Ms. Green and Ms. Hartel reported on how we are trying to use this new communications method to entice teens and others to use our web site to connect with information in our library and to teach safety methods when using these sites..

Committee Reports followed

1. Finance Committee – no report about FY08 budget as yet.
2. Building Committee – Ms. Hawks-Bradley was not present. Issue regarding “no loitering” signs will be decided at a later date.
3. Book Action Committee – Mr. Gaither reported that his committee recommended that the DVD in question be checked out only to those 18 or over. Because this was an international film it is not rated. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to see if our collection development policy could be tightened or some other remedy made to ensure that adults only viewed this material.
4. Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue reported the Friends made over \$17,000 at their annual book sale. Unfortunately this was \$3,000 less than last year primarily because of the location. Library Birthday party is Sunday, April 15.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had her written report for board members to review.

Unfinished Business.

FY08 Budget – Mayor's recommendation has not yet been published.

New Business.

Book Sales on library premises by outside groups/individuals issue will be taken up at July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 so that board members could attend the Mayor and Commission 5:30 work session with the architect where the conceptual drawings were presented.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA
April 10, 2007

Call to order.

*Minutes of January 9, 2007 meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.(for information)

Public Comment(5 minute limit)

Building Committee: Architect's presentation of concept drawing

Staff Report: Social Networking - Greg Deal, Trudi Green, Mary
Jean Hartel

Committee Reports.

- 1.Finance Committee
- 2.Building & Grounds
- 3.Book Action Committee -
- 4.Friends of the Library

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Book Sales on library premises by outside groups/individuals.

Other business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Next meeting: July 10, 2007
FOGL meeting: April 20, Columbus

FY2007

Athens-Clarke County Library
July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Received</u>
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,556,584.00	1,167,438.00	389,146.00	75.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	50.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	47,126.24	22,873.76	67.32%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	13,795.36	1,204.64	91.97%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,350.00	600.00	69.23%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	709.38	290.62	70.94%
Winterville Copy	125.00	172.66	(47.66)	138.13%
Interest	6,000.00	1,674.26	4,325.74	27.90%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,238,765.90</u>	<u>424,893.10</u>	<u>74.46%</u>

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Outreach	44,000.00	33,000.00	11,000.00	75.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,399,763.00	984,821.37	414,941.63	70.36%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	4,853.00	1,647.00	74.66%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	6,234.36	1,765.64	77.93%
Telephone	14,000.00	12,215.35	1,784.65	87.25%
Postage	6,825.00	2,951.96	3,873.04	43.25%
Travel	2,500.00	576.07	1,923.93	23.04%
Advertising	7,000.00	5,843.12	1,156.88	83.47%
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	100.00%
Supplies	29,171.00	22,148.67	7,022.33	75.93%
Materials	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0.00%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	2,905.26	794.74	78.52%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	2,555.94	2,444.06	51.12%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	530.00	970.00	35.33%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	6,975.00	2,025.00	77.50%
Electricity	85,000.00	62,199.88	22,800.12	73.18%
Storm Water Drainage	2,200.00	831.74	1,368.26	37.81%
Gas Heat	12,000.00	9,556.28	2,443.72	79.64%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	5,091.36	2,408.64	67.88%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,168,289.36</u>	<u>495,369.64</u>	<u>70.22%</u>

Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	70,476.54
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	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,121.34	471,091.01	157,030.33	75.00%
Materials	123,916.46	60,962.55	62,953.91	49.20%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	100,913.64	33,634.67	75.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	111,856.42	31,582.88	77.98%
	<u>1,030,025.41</u>	<u>744,823.62</u>	<u>285,201.79</u>	<u>72.31%</u>

SPLOST:

Athens *	127,000.00	98,596.01	28,403.99	77.63%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	1,122.10	377.90	74.81%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	1,140.25	359.75	76.02%
TOTALS	<u>130,000.00</u>	<u>100,858.36</u>	<u>29,141.64</u>	<u>77.58%</u>

*includes new phone system

Total State Grants & SPLOST	<u>1,160,025.41</u>	<u>845,681.98</u>	<u>314,343.43</u>	<u>72.90%</u>
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Fund Equity ("Reserve")

Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/06	279,856.21
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)
One Months Operating Expense	(138,388.25)
	<u>10,551.45</u>

Other Entrepreneurial Activities

Passport Profit and Loss Statement FY2007

Balance in Passport 07/01/06 38,047.86

Revenues

07/01/06 - 03/31/07 27,741.40

Total Revenues 27,741.40

Expenditures

Verizon pagers 18.67

Postage through 03/31/07 251.78

Total Expenditures 270.45

Net Profit Current Year 27,470.95

Total Balance in Passport Fund 65,518.81

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<http://YA-AthensLibrary.bebo.com>



PEW Internet & American Life Project

"A non-profit research center studying the social effects of the Internet on Americans."

<http://www.pewinternet.org/index.asp>

As of this morning this site contains 191 documents/reports on internet use.

Progress & Freedom Foundation

(Free market technology think tank)

Release 14.5 March 2007

"Social networking and age verification: Many hard questions; no easy solutions," by Adam Thierer

A summary this paper is on the orange Forbes handout.

<http://www.pff.org/issues-pubs/pops/pop14.5ageverification.pdf>

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Hi Molly -- Thanks for joining MySpace!

Here's your account info for logging in:

E-mail: ~~minzto@gmail.com~~

Password: [REDACTED]

Keep it secret. Keep it safe.

Please confirm your MySpace account by clicking here:

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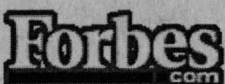
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


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Why MySpace Is SafeSpace

Lisa Lerer, 04.03.07, 6:00 AM ET

Adam Thierer doesn't look like much of a revolutionary. But last month he challenged both Washington and conventional wisdom with a fairly radical proposition: Perhaps MySpace and the Internet aren't so scary for kids, after all.

That notion runs counter to a common worry: That social networking sites like MySpace are a virtual red light district, or worse. Parents worry about sexual predators seeking out vulnerable children who lure them to in-person meetings where they are molested, raped or even killed. Law enforcement officials and legislators spend time trying to grapple with the problem, and the media reports on it extensively.

In December, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., introduced legislation requiring all social networking sites to cross-check new members against a database of registered sex offenders' e-mail addresses and instant messenger names.

And a coalition of 34 state attorneys general are threatening to sue **News Corp.'s** MySpace unless it raises its minimum membership age to 16 and institutes stricter age-verification technology. These critics blame the problem on a lack of effective age-verification technology on MySpace, which makes it easy for underage members to get around most restrictions limiting contact with older members.

But Thierer, a senior fellow at the free market technology think tank The Progress and Freedom Foundation, believes lawmakers and others are seriously misguided. The media has overstated the actual number of dangerous incidents happening on the site, he says in a new paper titled "Social Networking and Age Verification: Many Hard Questions; No Easy Solutions." Improving age verification is not only ineffectual solution, he writes, but counter-productive. Forbes.com talked to Thierer about MySpace, sexual predators and safer Web surfing for kids.

How large a problem are child predators on social networking sites?

That issue has been greatly overblown. No doubt there are bad guys lurking online, just like they are lurking on offline venues. The question is, Is it some kind of national epidemic that will be effectively addressed with age verification mandates? I do not think that is the case. There is a very small number of youngsters that are likely to be attacked by these people. These are at-risk youth and they go online and end up stumbling into dangerous situations. That doesn't mean that all kids are prone to stumble into those situations. We have to be realistic about the scope of the problem.

Is effective age verification possible?

It's doubtful that most of the leading plans would do so. The two methods that really count are using credit cards or getting parental permission. The credit card argument has largely been demolished due to the many limitations. Many youngsters have access to credit cards. The permission slip-based approach is not that easy to implement online. Can you get parental permission for tens, if not hundreds, of millions of kids, going on to these sites?

We must ensure that we do not create a false sense of security for kids or parents, so that when they go online they feel they are perfectly safe. And I fear that with many of these age verification systems, that's the end result. A determined bad guy will still be able to get onto the system.

So why are legislators and attorneys general pushing MySpace to adopt an age verification technology?

They are searching for solutions and obviously I sympathize with their concerns. But I think they've looked at age verification as a silver bullet solution when in reality it's not. A solution that requires making the middleman change its ways is easier than the more challenging solution of spending more.

What should government do to keep kids safe on social networking sites?

Spend money on enforcement efforts. Train law enforcement to better police this issue, create online crime labs in every police department, and provide money to prosecutors to seriously go out and prosecute these cases. Then, get the sentencing right at the state level to make sure these guys are put behind bars for a seriously long time. In my book, I go to great pains to outline a media literacy and online safety agenda that we must get serious about in this country. We have largely ignored this approach in favor of taking regulatory approaches to this problem. This is huge mistake.

How do you think parents should protect kids online?

We need to basically teach our kids proper online safety and proper online etiquette so that they learn to make smart decisions online. I use the analogy of how we've addressed other types of safety issues in the past through significant government campaigns or public private partnerships. We need that same campaign for online safety and instead we are burning millions of dollars in litigation campaigns. I prefer education not regulation, a strategy of talking to kids about these issues and getting them to understand proper online behavior.

Are your kids on MySpace?

My kids are too young to be on MySpace. I have to decide at what age I'll even let them get online at all. My six-year-old can already use a mouse and type on keyboard. When they do want to get on a social networking site I'll probably opt for a smaller, more closed-garden type of site.

Athens Regional Library Additions & Renovations
(SPLOST Project #026)

Initial Project Statement:

This project is envisioned to include renovation of the current 53,000 square feet [63,000 square foot] facility on Baxter Street, purchase of enhanced technology for the facility, access improvements for the disabled, and purchase of library resources. This project may include expansion of the facility, added auditorium space, an additional large meeting room, reception space, and expanded parking. This project may be able to leverage State funds for the expansion of the facility.

Proposed Project Concept Statement:

Beginning with the Athens Regional Library's Programmatic needs developed by the Library Board through a planning process involving focus groups and community patrons, the Project Concept has evolved consisting of renovation of the 63,000 square foot existing facility and two additions totaling approximately 19,000 square feet of new space. The additions will be located to best utilize the restrictive site and will establish a new entrance located so as to improve accessibility for the disabled. Determining the best methods for meeting the increased parking needs while embracing the Unified Government's preference to minimize additional paving is still being studied.

The major portion of new construction will create additional public meeting spaces, enlarged auditorium, enhanced entrance lobby/reception area and adding new reading and stack spaces. The smaller addition will allow for enlargement of the Heritage Room and other library services.

Renovation of the existing facility will not only adjust the space dedicated to the various functions, but will allow for a better accessibility and efficiency. For example high use areas can be moved closer to the entry, public technology centers can be concentrated to allow for better supervision and maintenance. The renovation will provide the opportunity to expand computer technologies, such as wireless networking, into all areas of the Library.

The purchase of library resources has already begun with the annual expenditures of the SPLOST 2005 Project 026 funds for the purchase of books.

This concept plan is a next step in the process to submit to the state of Georgia a request for a Georgia Public Library Service \$2,000,000 matching grant.

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Purpose of Presentation

This presentation of the proposed Athens-Clarke County Library Concept Plans is to provide the Mayor & Commissioners an opportunity for input, comment, and questions.



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PROJECT UPDATE

- ❖ **Fall 2006 – Architectural Team Selection Process**
 - Request for Proposal
 - Interviews
 - Selected Craig Gaulden Davis

- ❖ **Library-Architect Program Reconciliation**
 - December kick-off meeting
 - Review meetings and discussions with Library & Library Board members
 - Completed early February 2007

- ❖ **Conceptual Planning**
 - Began March 5th, 2007
 - Meetings and discussions with Library & Library Board members
 - Participated in Commissioning Workshop
 - Approved by the Library Board
 - Presentation to Mayor & Commissioners

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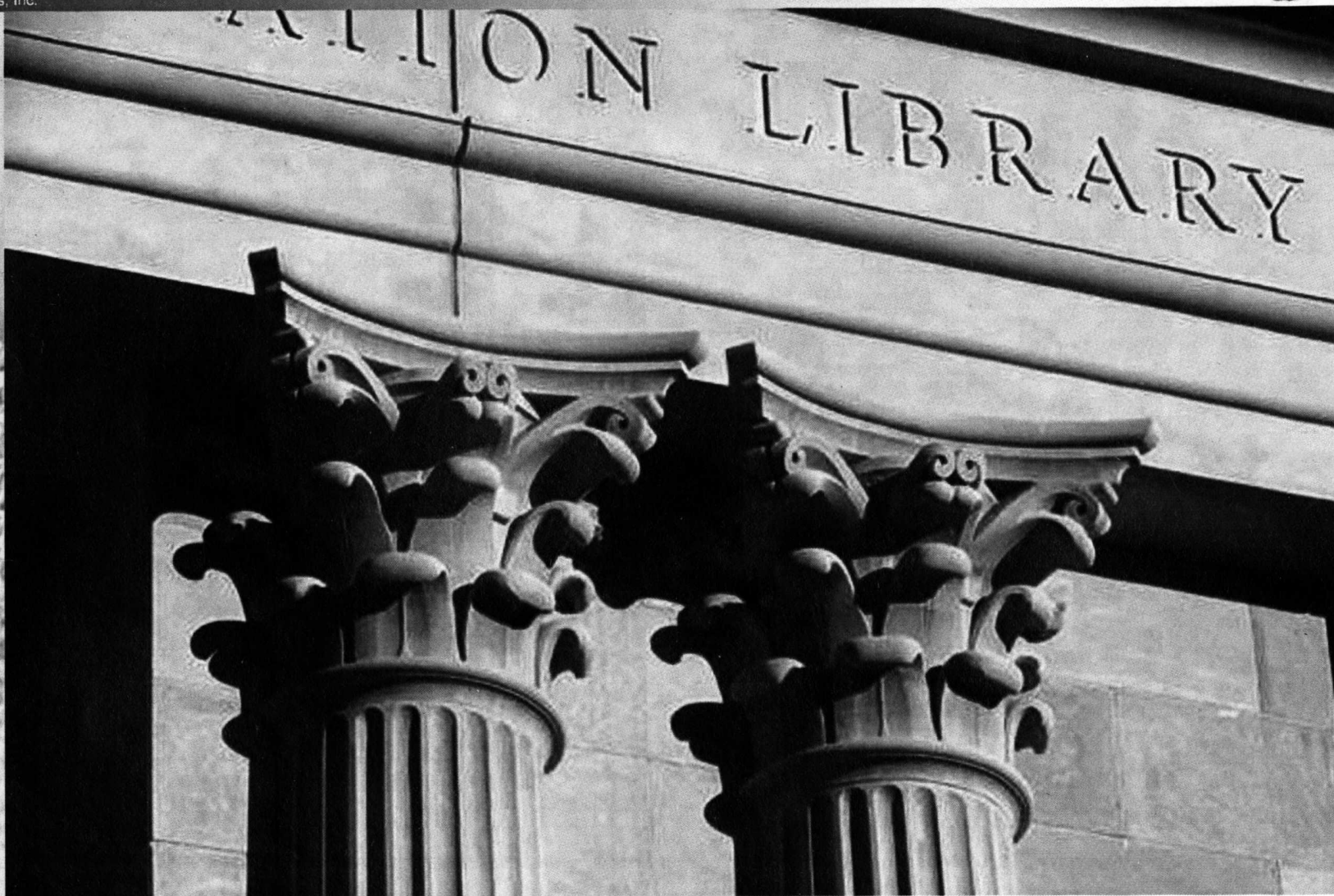
THE CONCEPT

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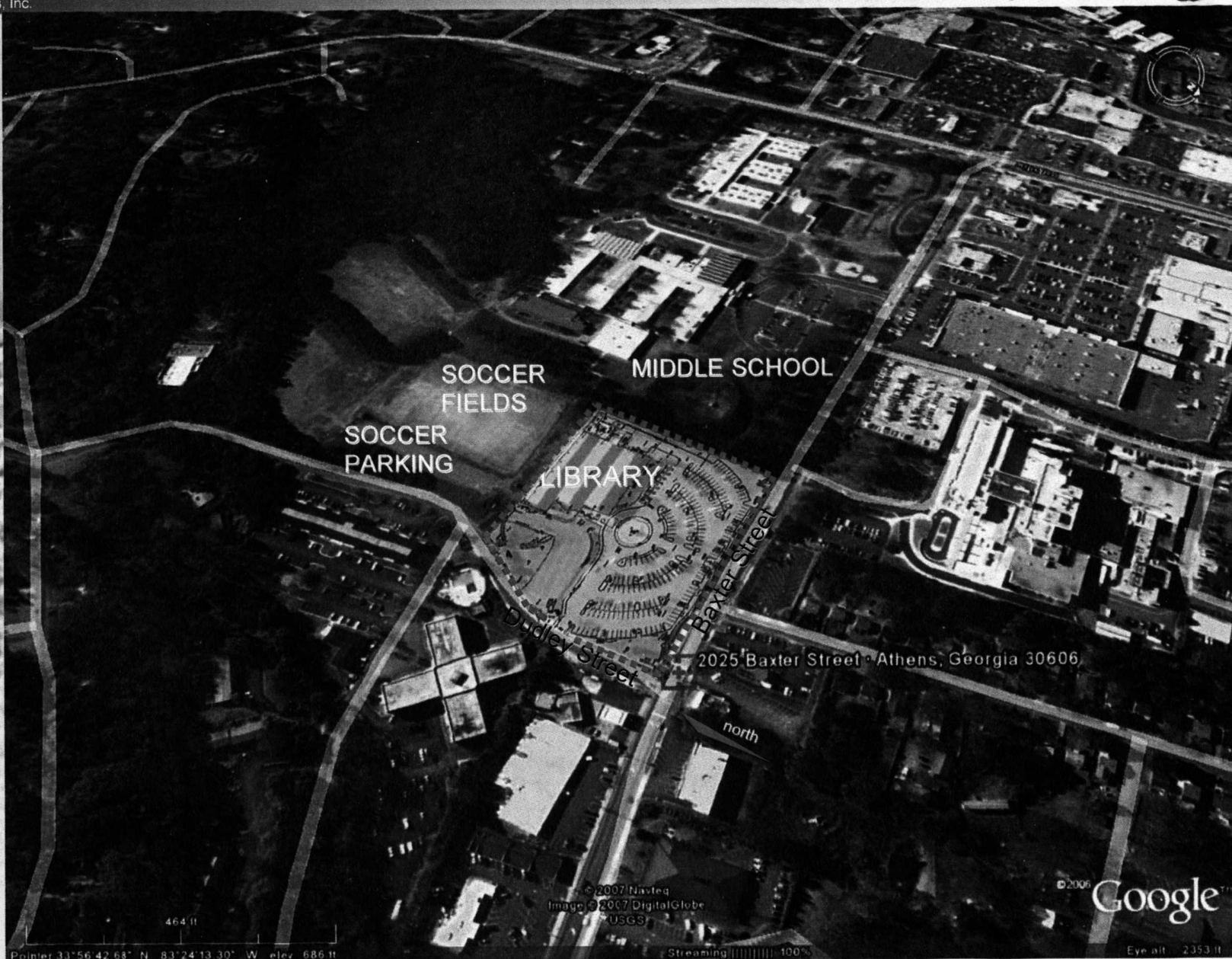
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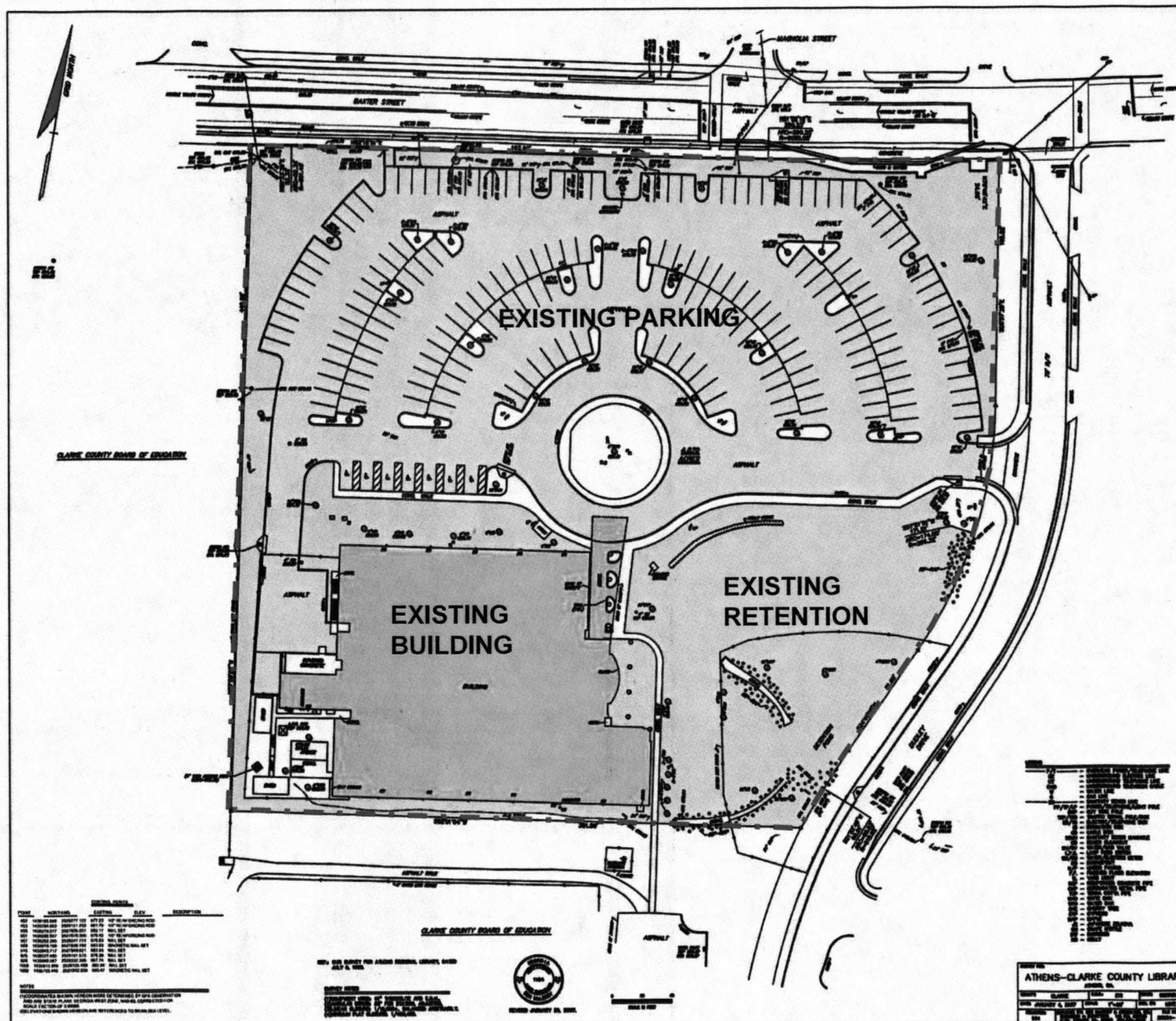
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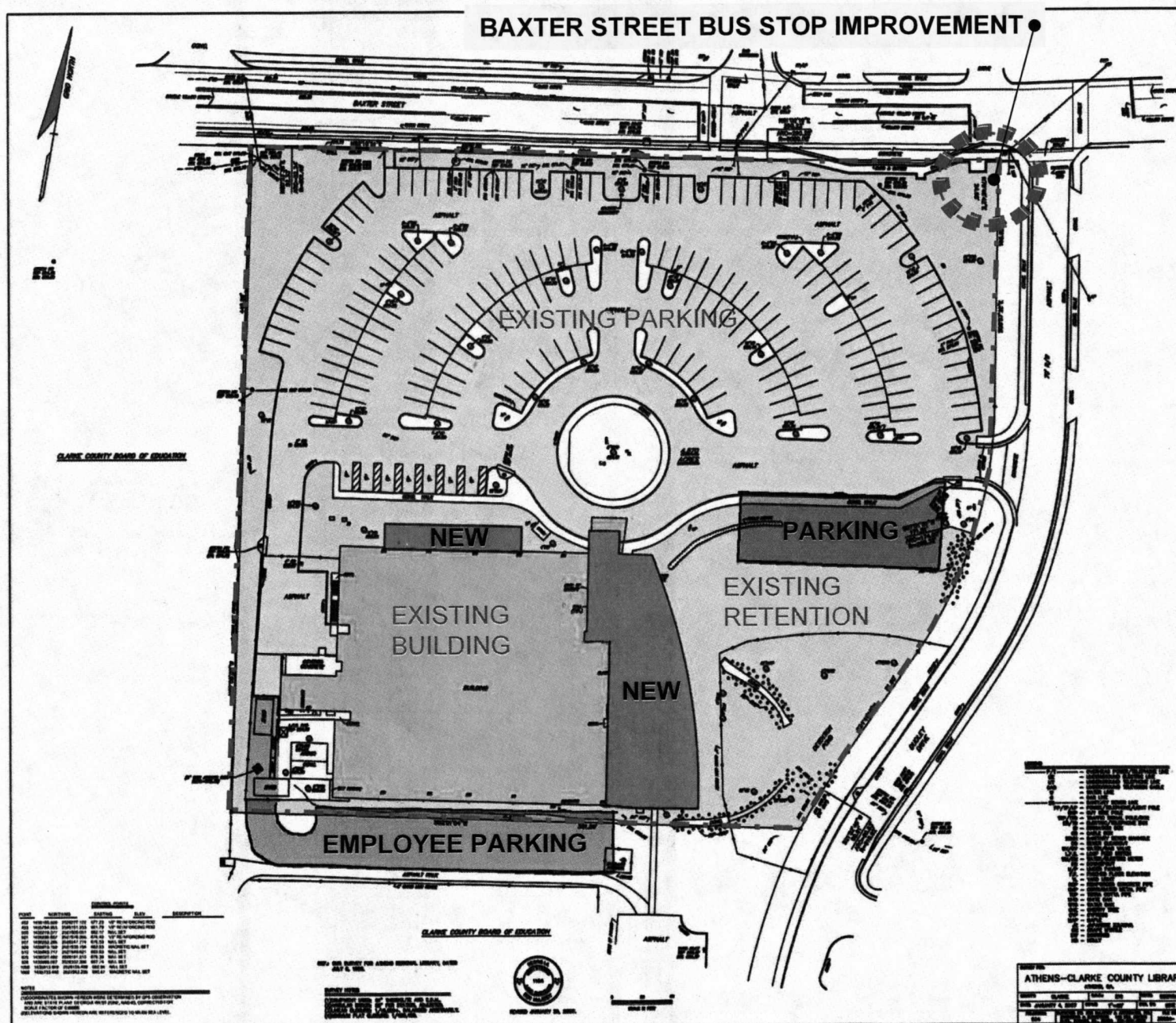
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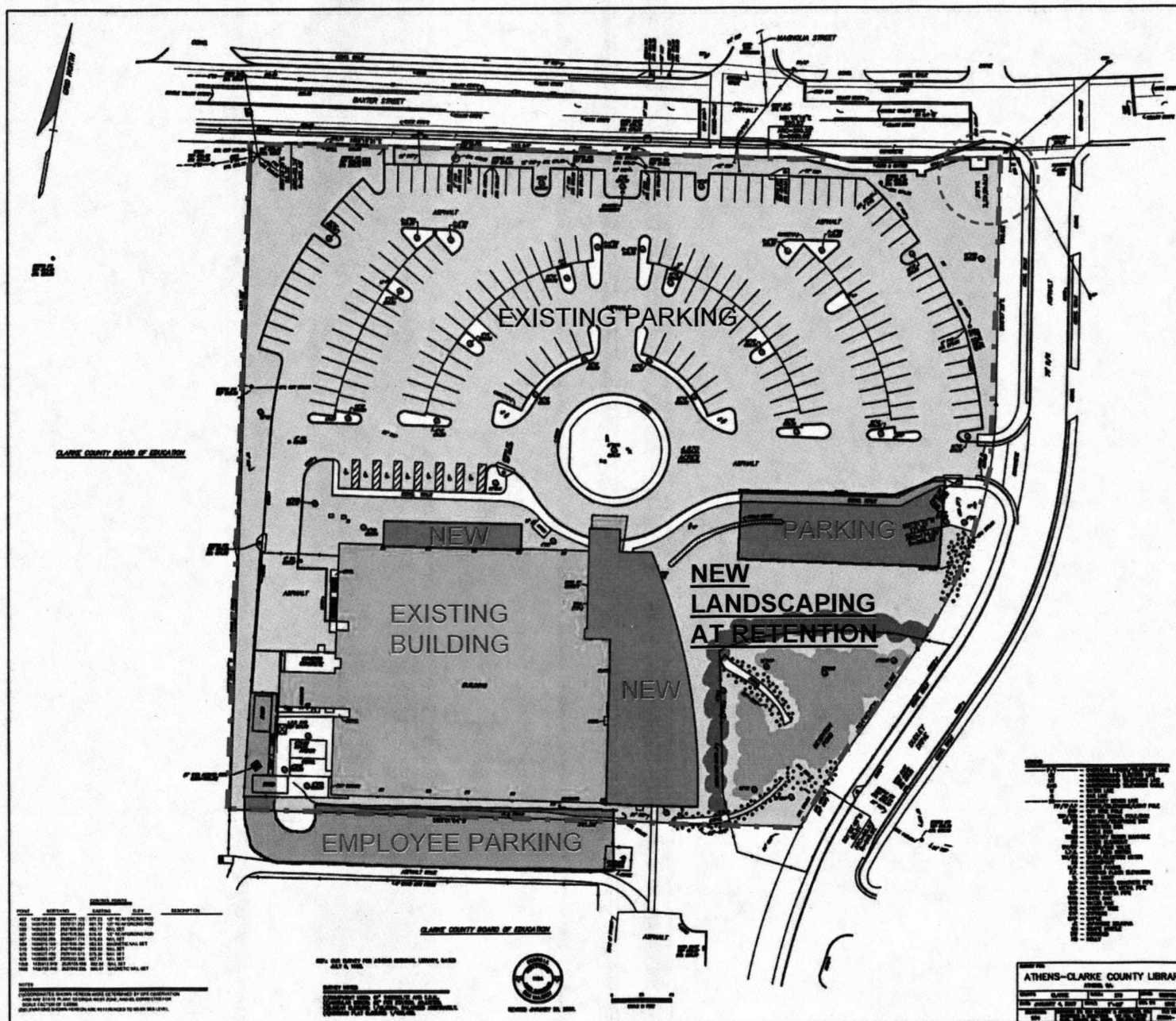




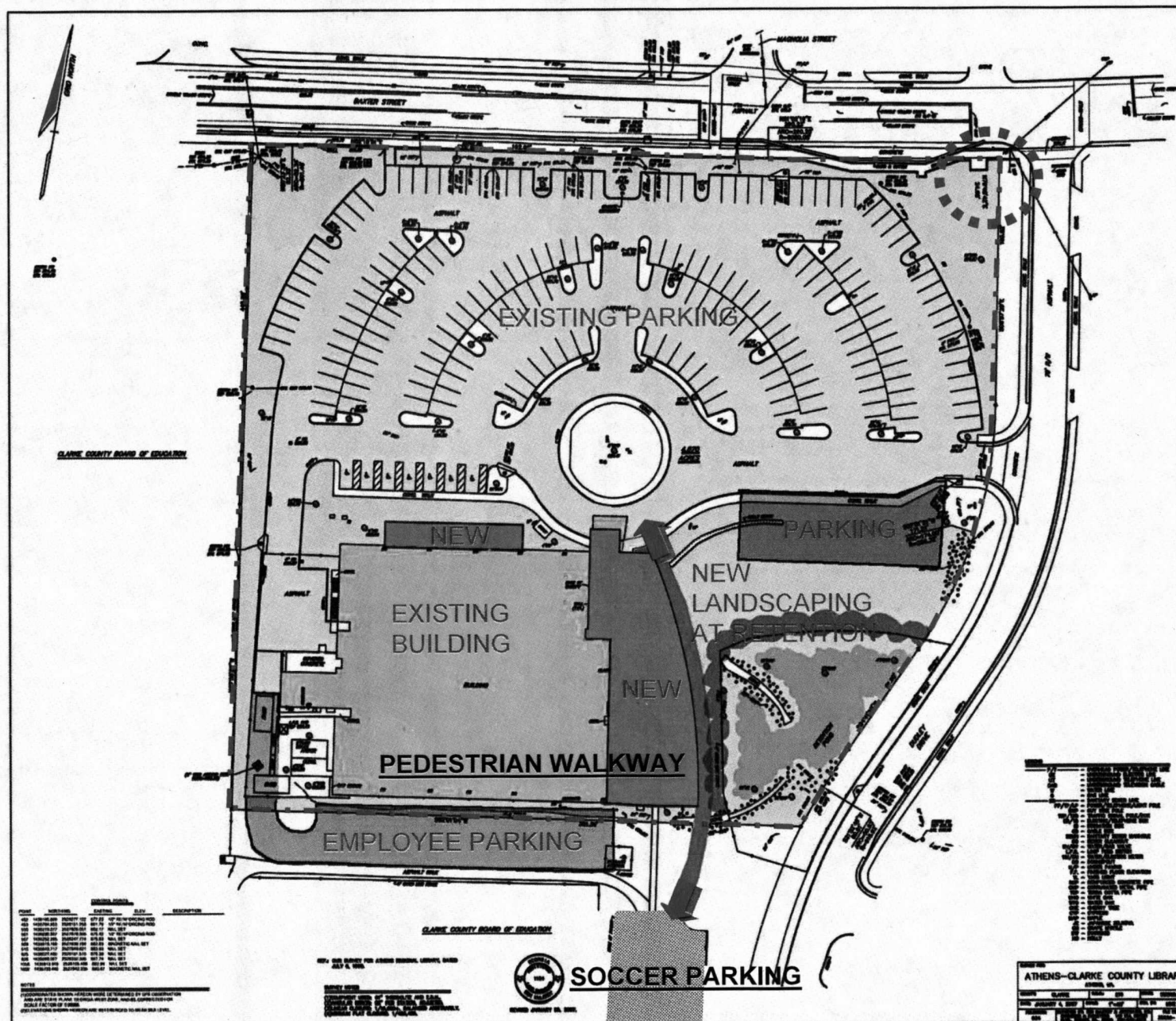
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**Program
Requirements**

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Program Requirements - First Floor (net)

■PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS	6,642 SF
■CAFÉ AND GIFT SHOP	946 SF
■ENTRY	260 SF
■LOBBY	450 SF
■SPANISH CLASS	230 SF
■SPANISH NEEDS CENTER	153 SF
■BROWSING	2,553 SF
■AUDIO VISUAL LIBRARY	3,635 SF
■YOUNG ADULT SERVICES	1,887 SF
■CIRCULATION SERVICES	2,361 SF
■COMPUTERS	1,085 SF
■GENERAL BUILDING SERVICES	1,068 SF
■EXTENSION SERVICES	588 SF
■SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER	875 SF
■STAFF SERVICES	850 SF
■CHILDREN'S SERVICES	<u>8,443 SF</u>
	32,026 SF



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Program Requirements - Second Floor (net)

■ ADMINISTRATION	2,973 SF
■ NONFICTION COLLECTION	5,722 SF
■ FICTION COLLECTION	10,225 SF
■ PERIODICALS COLLECTION	1,173 SF
■ COMPUTER OPERATIONS	3,327 SF
■ GENERAL BUILDING SERVICES	1,102 SF
■ TECHNICAL SERVICES	812 SF
■ HERITAGE ROOM	5,639 SF
■ REFERENCE SERVICES	4,166 SF
■ CIRCULATION SERVICES	<u>2,361 SF</u>
	37,500 SF

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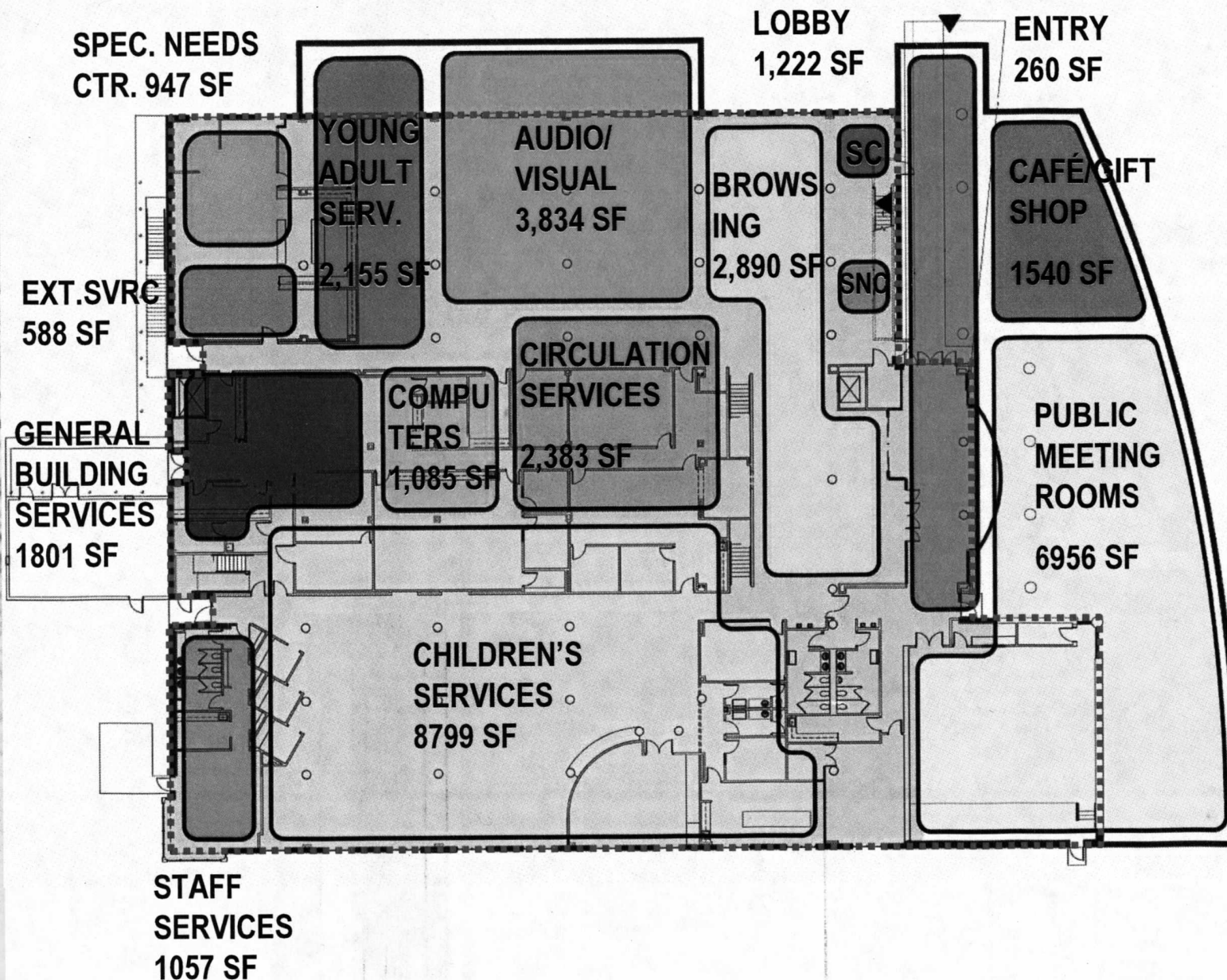
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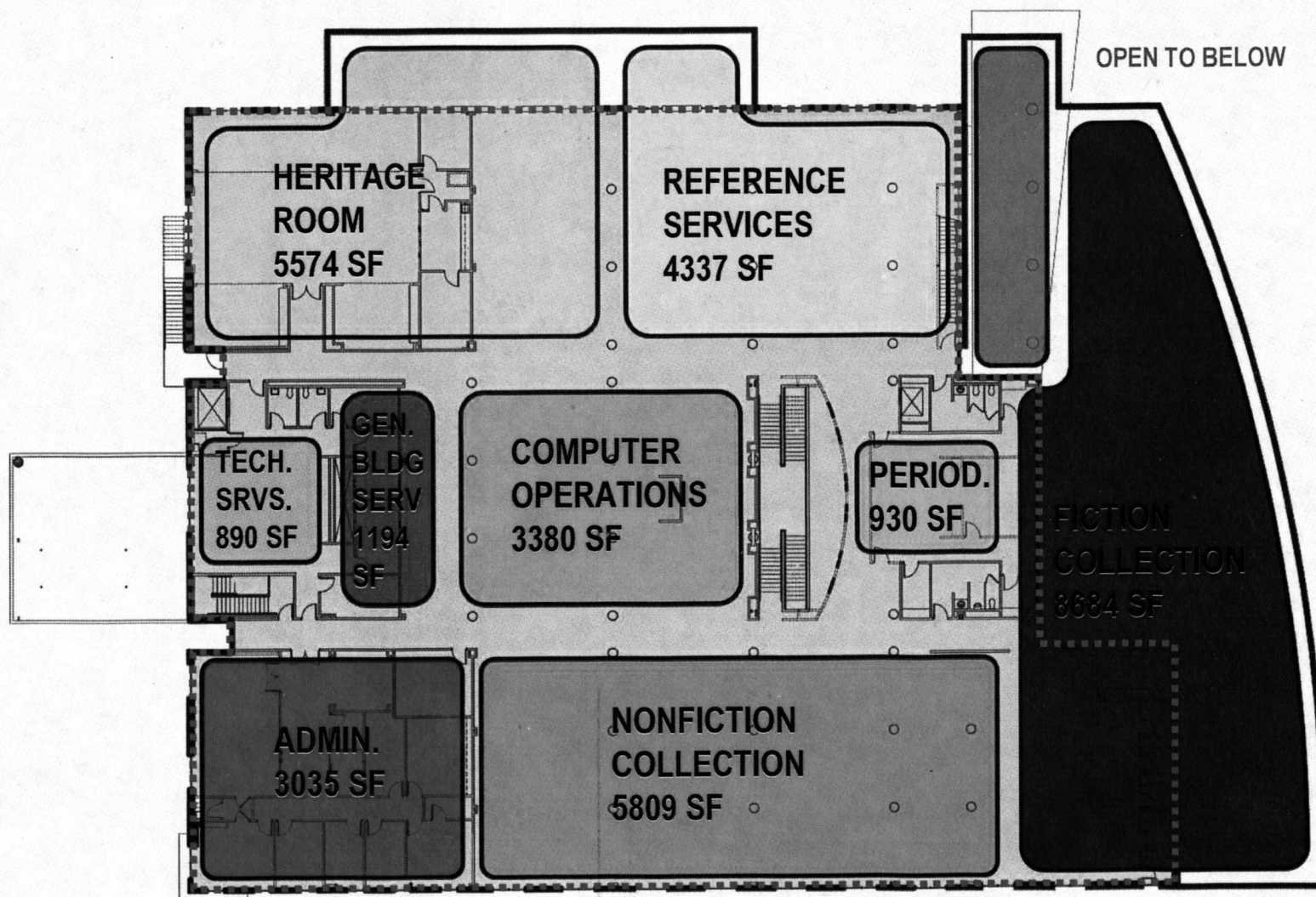




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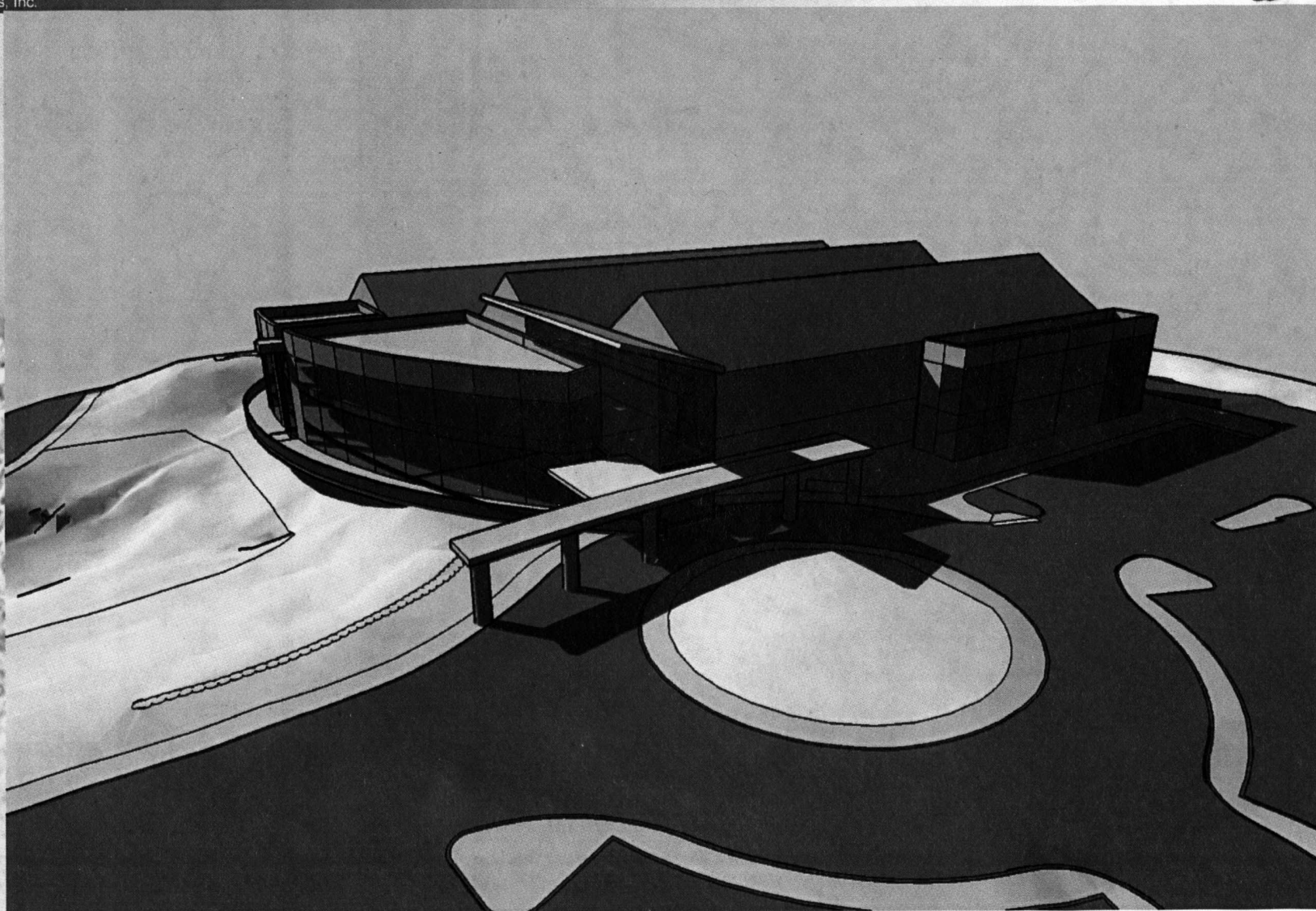




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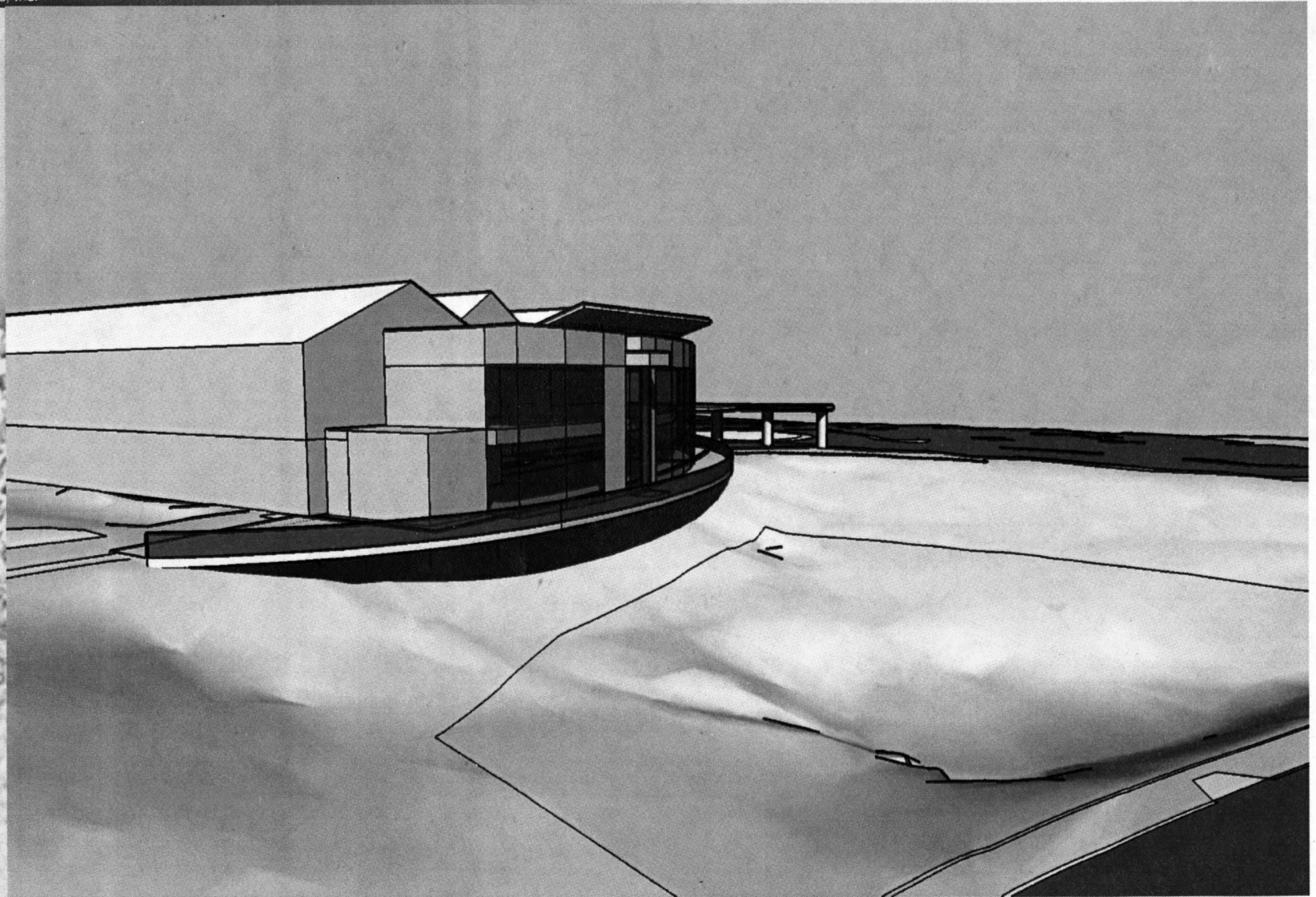




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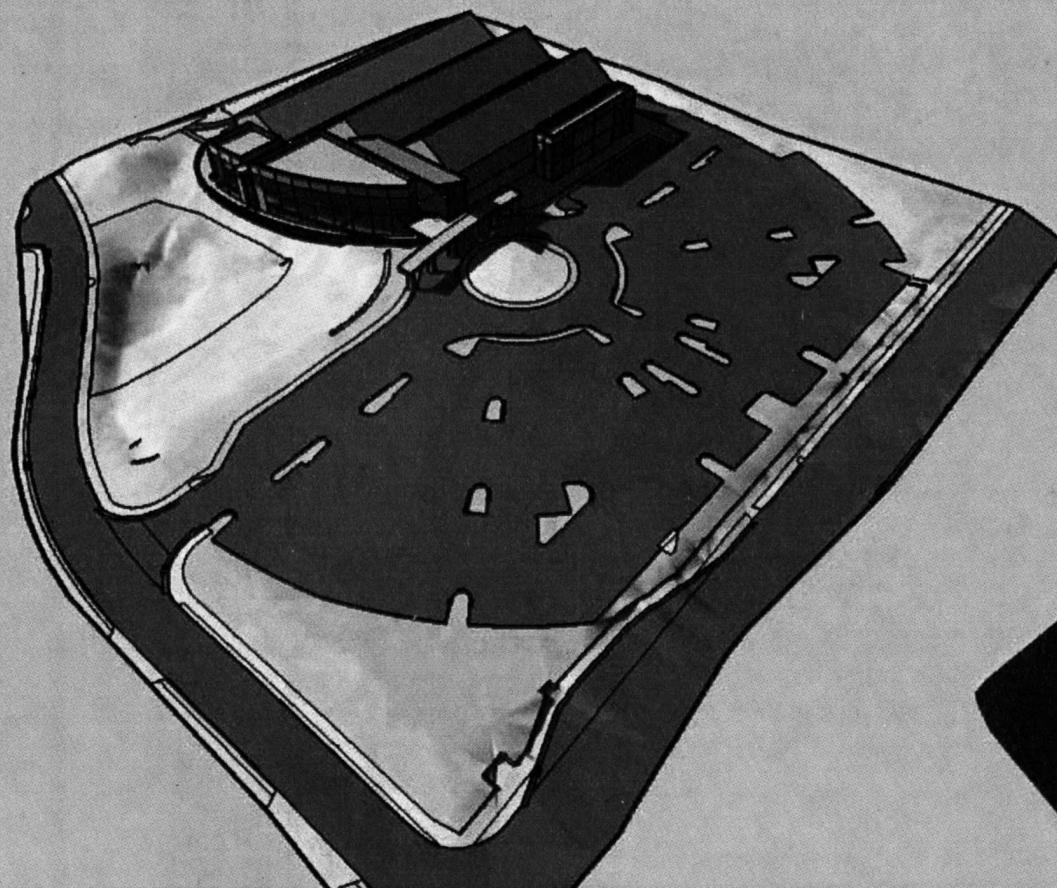
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PROJECT FUNDING

• SPLOST 2005 Tiers I-VI -----	\$ 8,834,760
• Anticipated Georgia State matching grant * -----	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
	\$ 10,834,760
• Less Expenses & Encumbrances -----	\$ - 388,072
(Books & A/V = \$190,072 & Project Management = \$198,000)	
• Less Designated Books & Audio Visual Equipment ---	\$ - 502,688
• Less Designated Furniture and Furnishings -----	<u>\$ - 385,000</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	\$ 9,559,000

* The State of Georgia is considering raising the matching grant cap to \$3,000,000. Should the Athens-Clarke County Library Board receive a \$3,000,000 grant, the additional money will go towards further improvements in the Furniture, Equipment and Technology Systems and additional renovation upgrades.

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	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CONCEPT PROPOSAL
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	7,243,000	7,778,925
Sitework, Renovation, New Construction, 10% Bid Contingency Construction estimate does NOT include increasing on-site parking		
INFLATION 2007 – 2008	5% inflation factor included in above	
DESIGN FEES TOTAL	712,000	891,000
Architectural and Engineering		
TESTING TOTAL	99,000	128,000
Special Inspections, NPDES Monitoring, Commissioning for LEED Certification		
MISCELLANEOUS	49,000	53,900
Moving expenses		
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY	495,000	707,175
PROBABLE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 8,598,000	\$ 9,559,000
FURNITURE FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	1,346,000	385,000
\$385,000 represents minimum FF&E required; \$800,000 is desired budget. Anticipate unspent Construction Contingency to fund additional FF&E		
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	198,000	198,000
TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST	\$10,142,000	\$ 10,142,000
DESIGNATED BOOKS & AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT	692,760	692,760
TOTAL SPLOST 2005 PROJECT #026 COST + GRANT	\$10,834,760	\$ 10,834,760

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PROJECT NEXT STEPS

- ❖ **Update Concept with today's comments**
- ❖ **Present Concept to the Citizens Oversight Committee on April 23rd**
- ❖ **Submit Concept for Mayor & Commission approval on May 1st**
- ❖ **Begin Schematic Design Phase upon approval of Concept**
- ❖ **Develop Schematic Design during May and June**
- ❖ **Present Schematic Design to Mayor & Commission for approval on June-July Cycle to include the June 12th work session**
- ❖ **Present Schematic Design to the Citizens Oversight Committee on June 25th**
- ❖ **Complete Grant Application Package for submittal late September 2007**

Director's Report
April 10, 2007

Legislative News

1. I would like to request that each board member contact Sen. Bill Cowser's office to ask him to insert a phrase exempting public librarians in HB 226 that is currently being considered by the Judicial Committee. HB 226 will replace the State's obscenity bill that was judged unconstitutional. The one phrase that causes concern is the addition of the word "lending" to the bill. Academic librarians are exempted by the language of the bill, but public librarians who often serve as the de facto academic librarian are not. Phone number at the Capitol is 404.463.1366 and fax is 404.657.0797. You may also reach him by e-mail at bill.cowser@senate.ga.gov. A copy of my letter is attached.
2. The Supplemental 2007 Budget is still in the House. Included in this budget are funds for Major Maintenance and Repair items. We have 3 projects that could be included: roof repair for Royston and Oglethorpe Counties and repair of a plumbing emergency in Oconee County. I am urging people in these areas to contact their legislators directly to ensure that they get funding.
3. The FY2008 Budget is also being negotiated. We anticipate that there will be additional funding for the purchase of books as a part of the Buck for Books campaign [but we are still well short of the \$1 per capita goal]. The only major issue I see is that there is currently no public library construction projects included in the package. This could mean a delay of funding for our project which was scheduled to be funded in FY09. There are 6 projects on the list for FY08 and they would have priority over our project.

Regents Public Library Advisory Committee

We are currently reviewing funding requirements for library systems. It is obvious that regional library systems have lost funding as changes have taken place at the State level. We certainly recognize this locally where we lost a state funded librarian position a year ago and were forced to eliminate some outreach programs. In a budget cutting mode, we also reduced the size of bookmobile staff [and eventually closed the service because of the cost of operations/repair of the vehicle] and technical services.

The recommendations are that regional systems should have a detailed plan for outreach services to members of their regions and that funding should be provided for specific services. The details of grant programs are being negotiated now, but the end result should eliminate the "one size fits all" grant programs and recognition that it takes more time and money to run a 5-county system than a single county program.

Public Library Planning Committee

This Committee is looking at the services provided by the Georgia Public Library Services office and staff. As the representative from large multi-county systems, I have a particular interest in how grant programs are administered and how planning for future services including technology is being handled. The group will meet monthly until October and then disband. We hope to develop a stronger plan of service as well as the new LSTA plan which must be initiated every 5 years.

IMLS Grant

Our Institute of Museum and Library Services grant will be ending on Sept. 30, 2007. Clare Auwarter and I worked with our partners at Lyndon House and the CLASE program at the College of Education [Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education] to develop an extended proposal including more research into the benefits of tutoring. We propose to follow 25 students over a three year period to monitor how they compare academically to those who do not have the benefits of a regular tutorial program. In addition, we will continue to expand the library

program of service and offer the arts program. This will include a 2-week day camp opportunity that will incorporate a program developed by Dr. Linda Labbo at UGA called "Vocabulary Flood." This is an experiential approach to expanding one's vocabulary. We will not know until late August if the proposal has been funded.

Miguel and I have made several presentations about Pinewoods to several groups including the Rotary Club and a group of extension agents and librarians from Clayton County. The Clayton County group is quite interested in the success of the Plaza Comunitaria program and wants to set up a facility much like ours. We've also had visitors from several schools and in fact, we will be presenting a program for the leadership of the k-12 programs in Georgia in early June.

Blackbaud Accounting System

We have joined the consortium of libraries around the state that will be joining a new group using a state-based accounting system. Our old software, Fundware, caused major problems for us by creating an account that was not valid and then by multiplying the totals annually. The company refused to admit the original error was caused by the set-up of the software, but finally, upon threatening legal action, they walked Mamie through a series of steps to correct the problem. We later learned that several other libraries in the state had the same issues. We will be joining Blackbaud in July and several staff members will be attending training over the next several months.

Building Information

On March 1, representatives from the Library Board, Friends of the Library, staff, Athens-Clarke County, and the public met to discuss several requirements for our building. I have yet to receive the report, but most of the input indicated that we need to ensure staff and energy efficiency and to provide adequate space for the various activities of the future. Of course, storage, which is always an issue, was mentioned prominently!

We have since met several times to discuss the building program, collection size, and relationships of spaces to one another. The meeting today will present the summary of those discussions. In the coming weeks, the architects plan to start getting more specific about what will be needed for each area of the building.

Parking continues to be an issue. Our lot is very limited so sharing spaces with the school is a viable option. As a part of the LEED certification requirements, we would have to limit the amount of paving so there are very few other options for resolving this particular issue.

Other News

Judy Atwood has assumed the role of Assistant Director for Today's Library which includes oversight of youth services, circulation, browsing, Friends, and the library store. I will begin advertising for an Extension/Outreach librarian in the near future.

The Public Library Association recognized the importance of our Pinewoods program with the 2007 Highsmith Award for Innovation. The award will be presented on Monday, June 25 during the President's Program of the American Library Association meeting in Washington, DC. The award is \$2000 and Elizabeth Edwards will be the guest speaker for the program.

We also had guests from New Jersey's academic consortium visiting last week to investigate the Evergreen software and PINES network. They are considering joining 57 academic institutions to provide similar shared networking.

Friends of Georgia Libraries [FOGL] plans a program on April 20 discussing book sales. Flyer is attached.

FOGL

Friends of Georgia Libraries

presents

"Antique Books Road Show"

with **Alek Ansley**

general manager of **JudyBug's Books**

Got questions?

- What will make our Friends of the Library book sale more successful?
- How do we know when we have a book that is worth much more than \$1?
- How do we get started selling special items online?
- Where do other libraries store their sale books?

We have answers!

These and other questions about books and book sales will be answered at the annual meeting of Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL), Friday, April 20. Bring a book of your own...our speaker may use it as an instant case study or give you an appraisal if time permits. At the FOGL Annual Meeting you will...

- ...get tips on how to spot rare and valuable books
- ...learn all about making your book sales successful
- ...find out how others are using online sales
- ...vote for your new FOGL board members

Don't miss this opportunity!

Date: Friday, April 20, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: Columbus Public Library, 3000 Macon Road, Columbus, GA
Ph 706.243.2669
Registration Fee: \$25 for FOGL members
(lunch included) \$35 for non-members (includes membership for 2007)

Agenda

10:00	Welcome and Introductions
10:15	Successful Book Sales: How We Do It
11:00	Small Group Discussion on Book Sales
11:45	FOGL Business Meeting & Election of Board Members
12:00	Lunch and Networking
1:00	Antique Books Road Show, with Alek Ansley
1:45	Online Book Sales

For a registration form, go to www.georgia-friends.org.

"Antique Books Road Show"
April 20, 2007, Columbus Public Library, 10:00-2:30
Registration Form

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____ (w): _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Name of your local Friends of the Library group:

Registration Fee includes lunch. Please check one:

___ Regular ___ Vegetarian ___ Other Dietary Needs: _____

Registration Fee enclosed:

___ Members \$25

___ Non-members \$35 (includes membership in FOGL for 2007)

___ Additional Donation to FOGL: \$ _____

Complete one form for each attendee and return ***by April 12*** to:

FOGL
c/o Wally Eberhard, Treasurer
180 Orchard Creek Drive
Athens, GA 30606-3196

OR...e-mail the above information to WBE1955@aol.com and plan to pay at the door.

Friends of Georgia Libraries, Inc. keeps all personal information private and does not share members' phone numbers, mailing addresses or e-mail addresses with third parties.

April 9, 2007

Senator Bill Cowsert

Dear Senator Cowsert:

House Bill 226 is a replacement for the previous Georgia obscenity code that was struck down. Unlike the old law, the wording of this bill specifically refers to "lending," and at present there are only two exceptions. It now reads in part:

"It is an affirmative defense under this Code section that selling, lending, renting, leasing, advertising, publishing, exhibiting, or otherwise disseminating the material was restricted to: (1) A person associated with an institution of higher learning, either as a member of the faculty or a matriculated student, teaching or pursuing a course of study related to such material; or (2) A person whose receipt of such material was authorized in writing by a licensed medical practitioner or psychiatrist."

There was an amendment to the previous law containing an exemption for public libraries which read, "A person while working in an official capacity in a public library," but this was removed, and therein lies my concern.

There is an exemption for academic libraries. With distance learning and other factors, public libraries frequently serve as de facto academic libraries for many of our citizens. In such a cooperative atmosphere where public libraries sometimes serve the academic community, just as academic libraries sometimes serve the public, public libraries should have the same protections that University System librarians have against criminal prosecution under this law.

If this bill passes into law, a person or persons could target, individually, librarians, even the circulation clerks about any book they didn't like and felt was not acceptable to their local community standards. With the statewide PINES system, even if the library did not own a title that could be considered obscene by local community standards, we could still be liable. Patrons can borrow materials from over 300 public libraries across the state so even if the title were not owned by the lending library, it could still be liable for lending obscene materials.

All public library systems have policies in place to combat obscenity and provide for the removal of inappropriate material. All computers across the Athens Regional Library System are filtered, all our libraries have Internet Safety Policies in place, all libraries have board approved materials selection policies, and all libraries have procedures for the public to challenge any library materials as inappropriate. This bill potentially allows the public to have criminal charges brought against library employees if in their opinion the material is obscene.

Please consider adding an exemption for public libraries--this would be appropriate, defensible, and desirable. Given the safeguards already required and in place, an exemption is needed so that individual employees are not exposed to criminal prosecution in the performance of their duties.

I hope you will work to add this exemption. Our colleagues at the University of Georgia Libraries are exempt. We believe that public library staff should be accorded the same level of respect. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn S. Ames, Director

Circulation Statistics FY2007

Athens-Clarke

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491	56,063
August	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103	51,182
September	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997	49,186
October	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474	47,202
November	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990	43,597
December	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808	36,177
January	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340	46,128
February	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215	43,600
March	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100	45,874
April	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983	
May	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019	
June	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460	
TOTALS	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980	
In-House Use			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349	

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens -Materials Reshelfed After Use

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553	296
August		2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537	292
September		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210	1,174
October		2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728	1,475
November		1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962	1,896
December		1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687	1,475
January	1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240	1,427
February	2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314	1,700
March	2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052	1,604
April	2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921	
May	1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682	
June	2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331	
TOTALS	12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

Winterville

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116	1,468
August	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902	1,104
September	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714	932
October	681	578	738	990	990	963	921	1,002
November	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430	930
December	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667	607
January	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052	789
February	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073	805
March	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152	927
April	370	613	676	706	807	636	811	
May	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	1,137	
June	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	1,669	
TOTALS	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644	
In-house Use				11,596	3,562	3640	2,743	

Bookmobile

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157	524
August	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173	683
September	1,206	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173	0
October	921	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	0	0
November	1,717	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555	0
December	1,083	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261	0
January	1,276	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758	5
February	876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765	0
March	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002	601
April	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	810	
May	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	543	
June	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	244	479	
TOTALS	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	8,676	

East Athens Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		133	978	492	1,194
August		80	454	478	274
September		234	34	265	38
October	33	917	1,124	518	520
November	9	426	218	849	835
December	193	585	34	502	1710
January	158	635	828	58	1638
February	227	538	41	577	1438
March	148	533	391	340	900
April	129	837	413	478	
May	111	578	589	1222	
June	52	777	580	1892	
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684	7671	
In-House Use	639	10,166	9,204	2,626	

Lay Park Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		137	3,549	686	1,428
August		73	990	398	666
September		382	543	257	1148
October	4	381	644	1058	1156
November	49	385	538	358	926
December	238	423	475	746	700
January	167	373	497	888	832
February	112	124	395	773	872
March	160	177	999	1004	952
April	127	139	533	1343	
May	118	172	1,077	1222	
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304	
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037	
In-House Use	999	13,988	6,396	6,656	

Pinewoods

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		440	274
August		977	171
September		341	1504
October		303	1492
November		1285	1392
December		141	1050
January		334	2012
February		145	1546
March	110	539	917
April	603	147	
May	744	117	
June	664	2743	
TOTALS	2,121	7512	
In-House Use		12,284	

Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
April 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:30. Present were Ms. Gothard, Mr. Mathis and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Gresham, Mr. Jones and Mr. Shapiro (Oglethorpe County); Ms. Luke, Ms. Stratton and Mr. Zimmerman (Oconee County); Ms. Lane, and Ms. Dunn (Athens-Clarke County); Ms. Coutant (Madison County). Mr. Timmons, and Mr. Ingram Mrs. Murray and were excused. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Mr. Deal, Ms Green, Ms. Hartel, and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of January 18, 2007 board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Lane.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Mr. Jones and Ms. Stratton.

There was a member of the public present observing the meeting for a class at UGA.

Financial Report. The third quarter FY07 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. All local boards have met and some monies have been received since those meetings which changed the draft of the report members were emailed. Regionally we are at 75% for revenues and 72% for expenditures. At three-fourths through the fiscal year, that is right where we should be on the overall total though we are over budget on operating and repairs to the van both because of the high cost of gasoline plus a \$2000 repair item.

Staff Report. Greg Deal, Trudi Green and Mary Jean Hartel gave a report on Social Networking...using computers as a virtual meeting place for on-line communications. There are very few safety and security measures on these sites. Ms. Green and Ms. Hartel showed board members how we are trying to use this new communications method to entice teens and others to use our web site to connect with information in our library and to teach safety methods when using these sites. Ms. Green showed a couple of other libraries MySpace sites and an interesting discussion followed about using these sites as a tool for screening candidates for employment.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

Athens-Clarke County: Ms. Lane noted that the Athens board had had a whirlwind meeting. The board voted on the concept of the renovation and addition so it could then be taken to the Mayor and Commission for their edification. There will be a called meeting in June for further design concepts to be discussed. There was a challenge on a DVD and it has been sent back to committee. The FOL summer book sale make \$17,700 plus.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Shapiro noted that the grandson of one of Oglethorpe County's residents was killed at the Virginia Tech campus and that a copy cat had closed all Oglethorpe schools today. The Board is getting some specific numbers from Ms. Simonds so it can present them to the Commission. The FOL have a new president, Bonnie Ash, who promises to be very dynamic. They've made a concerted effort to increase membership and have joined the Chamber of Commerce.

Franklin County: Mr. Mathis noted that the board had strategized over the budget philosophy and had agreed to approach Lavonia requesting a significant budget increase. They will also ask for an increase from other funding agencies as well. Both libraries had applied for We The People Bookshelf grant. Lavonia's Spring Festival is set for May 5.

Oconee County: Ms. Stratton said that the funding presentation has been made to the Commission and they are waiting to hear back. There have been a number of adult programs since the last meeting. In February, Bogart Friends hosted a musical festival and have 100 people come. The North Oconee County High School Jazz band participated. Friends are offering an electronic newsletter and will have a booth at the Fall Festival. Author, Mary Kay Andrews came for a wonderful sold out event.

Madison County: Mrs. Coutant reported that tomorrow at the FOGL meeting, the branch manager, Suzie DeGrasse, was giving an informational presentation about selling books on the internet. She also mentioned that Alisa Claytor had won a free trip to ALA at the Rural Sustainability Workshop. Elizabeth Murray is rotating off the local board in June and will no longer be a part of this board either.

Director's Report. The Director's written report was presented. Mrs. Ames sincerely thanked board members for contacting and speaking to their legislators. The final budget has yet to be passed, but so far library construction projects have remained in the proposed FY08 budget as well as funding available from Maintenance and Repair grants for plumbing in Oconee, the roof in Royston and Oglethorpe and security cameras in Athens. House Bill 226 – an issue on obscenity – the Senate added an exclusion to public libraries. Mrs. Ames shared photos and experiences from the trip a group took to Mexico as part of the IMLS grant. They visited 3 libraries and a lot of museums and had a wonderful experience.

Old Business

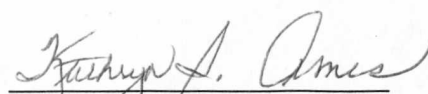
Because of Mrs. Murray's absence, the Policy Committee did not have a recommendation to make on modifications to the Substance Abuse Policy. They will be addressed at the July meeting. Mr. Timmons was asked to be the new chair of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Shapiro reported 13 people responded to the Director's Evaluation questionnaire and the results have been turned over to the Executive committee. A report will be forthcoming in July.

New Business

Technology Plan – The plan which Mr. Deal explained in January was revised again and sent out to board members to review. It reflected the upgraded telephone system in Athens and the E-rate discount which had to be added to keep it in force. Some outdated references to SIRSI were deleted and goals were identified and itemized. The plan is extended to 2008. The Technology Plan as changed was unanimously approved upon a motion and second from Mr. Miller and Mr. Shapiro.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.49 on a motion from Ms. Stratton and Ms. Dunn.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
AGENDA
April 19, 2007

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of January 18, 2007

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Social Networking: Greg Deal, Trudi Green, Mary
Jean Hartel

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

Director's Evaluation

New Business.

Technology Plan

Other Business.

Appoint new Chair of Policy Committee

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: July 19, 2007

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<u>Regional:</u>				
Outreach	103,400.00	77,550.00	25,850.00	75.00%
Interest	4,000.00	3,327.76	672.24	83.19%
Personnel	628,121.34	471,091.01	157,030.34	75.00%
Materials	123,916.46	92,937.35	30,979.12	75.00%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	100,911.23	33,637.08	75.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	107,579.48	35,859.83	75.00%
Totals	<u>1,137,425.41</u>	<u>853,396.82</u>	<u>284,028.59</u>	<u>75.03%</u>

<u>Athens-Clarke County:</u>				
Board of Commissioners	1,556,584.00	1,167,438.00	389,146.00	75.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	50.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	63,153.64	24,921.36	71.70%
Interest	6,000.00	1,674.26	4,325.74	27.90%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,238,765.90</u>	<u>424,893.10</u>	<u>74.46%</u>

<u>Franklin County:</u>				
Board of Commissioners	30,000.00	22,500.00	7,500.00	75.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon Carnesville & Franklin Springs	-	-	-	
	30,351.00	24,375.03	5,975.97	80.31%
Bellsouth E-rate (Royston)	-	1,133.18	(1,133.18)	
Fines and Fees	6,000.00	4,810.13	1,189.87	80.17%
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>82,818.34</u>	<u>13,532.66</u>	<u>85.95%</u>

<u>Madison County:</u>				
Board of Commissioners	160,929.00	120,696.75	40,232.25	75.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	8,065.23	2,934.77	73.32%
Totals	<u>171,929.00</u>	<u>128,761.98</u>	<u>43,167.02</u>	<u>74.89%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	315,429.00	236,571.75	78,857.25	75.00%
Board of Education	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	19,494.58	6,005.42	76.45%
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>299,066.33</u>	<u>90,862.67</u>	<u>76.70%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	34,875.00	11,625.00	75.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	500.00	(400.00)	500.00%
City of Lexington	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Money	8,500.00	7,505.62	994.38	88.30%
Meeting Room	300.00	210.00	90.00	70.00%
Transfer from Reserve	6,515.00	-	6,515.00	0.00%
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>58,090.62</u>	<u>20,024.38</u>	<u>74.37%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,537,408.41</u>	 <u>2,660,899.99</u>	 <u>876,508.42</u>	 <u>75.22%</u>

Athens Regional Library
FY2007
July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i><u>Regional:</u></i>				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	6,230.97	1,997.03	75.73%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	8,228.00	(1,418.00)	120.82%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	1,382.21	2,617.79	34.56%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	0.00%
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	3,756.50	11,243.50	25.04%
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	100.00%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	1,094.00	(1,094.00)	
Mobile Telephone	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	5,245.25	1,754.75	74.93%
Travel	7,000.00	3,426.26	3,573.74	48.95%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	615.00	1,385.00	30.75%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	1,672.00	328.00	83.60%
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	-	2,420.00	0.00%
Insurance	17,142.00	17,142.00	-	100.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	14,364.27	7,635.73	65.29%
Personnel	628,121.34	471,091.01	157,030.33	75.00%
Materials	123,916.46	60,962.55	62,953.91	49.20%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	100,913.64	33,634.67	75.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	111,856.42	31,582.88	77.98%
Totals	<u>1,137,425.41</u>	<u>819,980.08</u>	<u>317,445.33</u>	<u>72.09%</u>
<i><u>Athens-Clarke County:</u></i>				
Outreach	44,000.00	33,000.00	11,000.00	75.00%
Personnel	1,399,763.00	984,821.37	414,941.63	70.36%
Operating Expenses	219,896.00	150,467.99	69,428.01	68.43%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,168,289.36</u>	<u>495,369.64</u>	<u>70.22%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Outreach	15,000.00	11,250.00	3,750.00	75.00%
Personnel	73,576.00	51,146.07	22,429.93	69.51%
Operating Expenses	<u>7,775.00</u>	<u>3,461.93</u>	<u>4,313.07</u>	<u>44.53%</u>
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>65,858.00</u>	<u>30,493.00</u>	<u>68.35%</u>
<i>Madison County:</i>				
Outreach	14,900.00	11,175.00	3,725.00	75.00%
Personnel	124,580.00	93,989.36	30,590.64	75.44%
Operating Expenses	<u>32,449.00</u>	<u>21,835.17</u>	<u>10,613.83</u>	<u>67.29%</u>
Totals	<u>171,929.00</u>	<u>126,999.53</u>	<u>44,929.47</u>	<u>73.87%</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Outreach	20,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	75.00%
Personnel	345,375.00	248,420.12	96,954.88	71.93%
Operating Expenses	<u>24,554.00</u>	<u>19,704.26</u>	<u>4,849.74</u>	<u>80.25%</u>
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>283,124.38</u>	<u>106,804.62</u>	<u>72.61%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Outreach	9,500.00	7,125.00	2,375.00	75.00%
Personnel	58,854.00	40,463.71	18,390.29	68.75%
Operating Expenses	<u>9,761.00</u>	<u>5,999.61</u>	<u>3,761.39</u>	<u>61.47%</u>
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>53,588.32</u>	<u>24,526.68</u>	<u>68.60%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,537,408.41</u>	 <u>2,517,839.67</u>	 <u>1,019,568.74</u>	 <u>71.18%</u>

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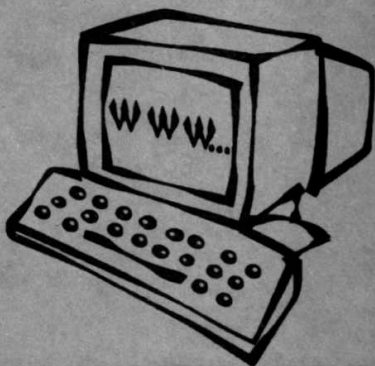
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<http://www.pewinternet.org/index.asp>

As of this morning this site contains 191 documents/reports on internet use.

Progress & Freedom Foundation

(Free market technology think tank)

Release 14.5 March 2007

"Social networking and age verification: Many hard questions; no easy solutions," by Adam Thierer

A summary this paper is on the orange Forbes handout.

<http://www.pff.org/issues-pubs/pops/pop14.5ageverification.pdf>

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Internet

Why MySpace Is SafeSpace

Lisa Lerer, 04.03.07, 6:00 AM ET

Adam Thierer doesn't look like much of a revolutionary. But last month he challenged both Washington and conventional wisdom with a fairly radical proposition: Perhaps MySpace and the Internet aren't so scary for kids, after all.

That notion runs counter to a common worry: That social networking sites like MySpace are a virtual red light district, or worse. Parents worry about sexual predators seeking out vulnerable children who lure them to in-person meetings where they are molested, raped or even killed. Law enforcement officials and legislators spend time trying to grapple with the problem, and the media reports on it extensively.

In December, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., introduced legislation requiring all social networking sites to cross-check new members against a database of registered sex offenders' e-mail addresses and instant messenger names.

And a coalition of 34 state attorneys general are threatening to sue **News Corp.**'s MySpace unless it raises its minimum membership age to 16 and institutes stricter age-verification technology. These critics blame the problem on a lack of effective age-verification technology on MySpace, which makes it easy for underage members to get around most restrictions limiting contact with older members.

But Thierer, a senior fellow at the free market technology think tank The Progress and Freedom Foundation, believes lawmakers and others are seriously misguided. The media has overstated the actual number of dangerous incidents happening on the site, he says in a new paper titled "Social Networking and Age Verification: Many Hard Questions; No Easy Solutions." Improving age verification is not only ineffectual solution, he writes, but counter-productive. Forbes.com talked to Thierer about MySpace, sexual predators and safer Web surfing for kids.

How large a problem are child predators on social networking sites?

That issue has been greatly overblown. No doubt there are bad guys lurking online, just like they are lurking on offline venues. The question is, Is it some kind of national epidemic that will be effectively addressed with age verification mandates? I do not think that is the case. There is a very small number of youngsters that are likely to be attacked by these people. These are at-risk youth and they go online and end up stumbling into dangerous situations. That doesn't mean that all kids are prone to stumble into those situations. We have to be realistic about the scope of the problem.

Is effective age verification possible?

It's doubtful that most of the leading plans would do so. The two methods that really count are using credit cards or getting parental permission. The credit card argument has largely been demolished due to the many limitations. Many youngsters have access to credit cards. The permission slip-based approach is not that easy to implement online. Can you get parental permission for tens, if not hundreds, of millions of kids, going on to these sites?

We must ensure that we do not create a false sense of security for kids or parents, so that when they go online they feel they are perfectly safe. And I fear that with many of these age verification systems, that's the end result. A determined bad guy will still be able to get onto the system.

So why are legislators and attorneys general pushing MySpace to adopt an age verification technology?

They are searching for solutions and obviously I sympathize with their concerns. But I think they've looked at age verification as a silver bullet solution when in reality it's not. A solution that requires making the middleman change its ways is easier than the more challenging solution of spending more.

What should government do to keep kids safe on social networking sites?

Spend money on enforcement efforts. Train law enforcement to better police this issue, create online crime labs in every police department, and provide money to prosecutors to seriously go out and prosecute these cases. Then, get the sentencing right at the state level to make sure these guys are put behind bars for a seriously long time. In my book, I go to great pains to outline a media literacy and online safety agenda that we must get serious about in this country. We have largely ignored this approach in favor of taking regulatory approaches to this problem. This is huge mistake.

How do you think parents should protect kids online?

We need to basically teach our kids proper online safety and proper online etiquette so that they learn to make smart decisions

online. I use the analogy of how we've addressed other types of safety issues in the past through significant government campaigns or public private partnerships. We need that same campaign for online safety and instead we are burning millions of dollars in litigation campaigns. I prefer education not regulation, a strategy of talking to kids about these issues and getting them to understand proper online behavior.

Are your kids on MySpace?

My kids are too young to be on MySpace. I have to decide at what age I'll even let them get online at all. My six-year-old can already use a mouse and type on keyboard. When they do want to get on a social networking site I'll probably opt for a smaller, more closed-garden type of site.

Director's Report
April 10, 2007

Legislative News

The Supplemental 2007 Budget was approved with no special funding for libraries. However, the 2008 Budget which is currently being negotiated has several items of interest to us.

1. The \$2 million recommended by Governor Perdue for books remains in the budget.
2. The House recommended 4 library construction projects; the Senate added 4 more including 2 that were not on the GPLS list. It's expected at most will remain.
3. Maintenance, Repair and Renovation Grant. Currently, the Senate has \$2.5 million to cover all of the requested repair work needed for libraries across the state. We have several projects on the list including plumbing in Oconee County, roofing in Royston and Oglethorpe County, an HVAC system in Oglethorpe, carpeting repair in Oconee and Oglethorpe, and expanded security in Athens.

Thanks to each of you who made phone calls, sent e-mail and wrote to our various legislators. It made a significant difference. There remains one bill, HB226, which may still come up although time is running out. This bill replaces an obscenity bill that was ruled unconstitutional. The House version of the bill did not exempt public libraries but the Senate version included an amendment to do so. [See attached article] This could be voted on during the last day.

Regents Public Library Advisory Committee

We are currently reviewing funding requirements for library systems. It is obvious that regional library systems have lost funding as changes have taken place at the State level. We certainly recognize this locally where we lost a state funded librarian position a year ago and were forced to eliminate some outreach programs. In a budget cutting mode, we also reduced the size of bookmobile staff [and eventually closed the service because of the cost of operations/repair of the vehicle] and technical services.

The recommendations are that regional systems should have a detailed plan for outreach services to members of their regions and that funding should be provided for specific services. The details of grant programs are being negotiated now, but the end result should eliminate the "one size fits all" grant programs and recognition that it takes more time and money to run a 5-county system than a single county program.

Public Library Planning Committee

This Committee is looking at the services provided by the Georgia Public Library Services office and staff. As the representative from large multi-county systems, I have a particular interest in how grant programs are administered and how planning for future services including technology is being handled. The group will meet monthly until October and then disband. We hope to develop a stronger plan of service as well as the new LSTA plan which must be initiated every 5 years.

IMLS Grant

Our Institute of Museum and Library Services grant will be ending on Sept. 30, 2007. Clare Auwarter and I worked with our partners at Lyndon House and the CLASE program at the College of Education [Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education] to develop an extended proposal including more research into the benefits of tutoring. We propose to follow 25 students over a three year period to monitor how they compare academically to those who do not have the benefits of a regular tutorial program. In addition, we will continue to expand the library program of service and offer the arts program. This will include a 2-week day camp opportunity that will incorporate a program developed by Dr. Linda Labbo at UGA called "Vocabulary

Flood." This is an experiential approach to expanding one's vocabulary. We will not know until late August if the proposal has been funded.

Miguel and I have made several presentations about Pinewoods to several groups including the Rotary Club and a group of extension agents and librarians from Clayton County. The Clayton County group is quite interested in the success of the Plaza Comunitaria program and wants to set up a facility much like ours. We've also had visitors from several schools and in fact, we will be presenting a program for the leadership of the k-12 programs in Georgia in early June.

Blackbaud Accounting System

We have joined the consortium of libraries around the state that will be joining a new group using a state-based accounting system on July 1. Our old software, Fundware, caused major problems for us by creating an account that was not valid and then by multiplying the totals annually. The company refused to admit the original error was caused by the set-up of the software, but finally, upon threatening legal action, they walked Mamie through a series of steps to correct the problem. We later learned that several other libraries in the state had the same issues. Several staff members will be attending training over the next several months.

Athens Building Information

On March 1, representatives from the Library Board, Friends of the Library, staff, Athens-Clarke County, and the public met to discuss requirements for our building. I have yet to receive the report, but most of the input indicated that we need to ensure staff and energy efficiency and to provide adequate space for the various activities of the future. Of course, storage, which is always an issue, was mentioned prominently!

We have since met several times to discuss the building program, collection size, and relationships of spaces to one another. On April 10, architect David Moore provided a summary of those discussions. In the coming weeks, the architects plan to start getting more specific about what will be needed for each area of the building.

Parking continues to be an issue. Our lot is very limited so sharing spaces with the school is a viable option. As a part of the LEED certification requirements, we would have to limit the amount of paving so there are very few other options for resolving this particular issue.

Other News

Judy Atwood has assumed the role of Assistant Director for Today's Library which includes oversight of youth services, circulation, browsing, Friends, and the library store. I have begun advertising for an Extension/Outreach librarian.

The Public Library Association recognized the importance of our Pinewoods program with the 2007 Highsmith Award for Innovation. The award will be presented on Monday, June 25 during the President's Program of the American Library Association meeting in Washington, DC. The award is \$2000 and Elizabeth Edwards will be the guest speaker for the program.

We also had guests from New Jersey's academic consortium visiting last week to investigate the Evergreen software and PINES network. They are considering joining 57 academic institutions to provide similar shared networking.

You will be seeing a new face on the road and new statistics on your information sheets. Kim James has assumed the role of outreach assistant and is working to build service to the homebound, elderly, and disabled. She will be adding low income daycare centers and working with Meals on Wheels as time permits.

Conservatives to push less spending in closing weeks

By Tom Graves

House of Representatives

The state Legislature is off for its spring break as are many students throughout the state. When lawmakers return to the State Capitol on April 10, expect a philosophical battle on how your tax dollars should be spent.

Those of us who were elected on a pledge to reduce government spending and return surpluses to the taxpayer will seek to have the 2007 amended budget and the 2008 budget (which begins July 1 of this year) crafted so it returns extra revenue back to Georgians.

When government collects more money than is necessary for essential operations such as education and public safety, then there is no need to start spending surpluses on new programs or pet projects. That is what many in politics term "pork."

As many of us have seen, once you fund a new program or service, it is hard to get rid of it. More often follows. That's why as Georgia grows and tax collections increase over the previ-

ous year, surpluses should always be refunded to the taxpayer. Imagine getting a check back from the government instead of always paying! After all, a surplus is not the government's money. It's the people's money.

That will be my position as we cast critical budget votes when returning to work after spring break. I want to see any excess revenue returned to Georgians. There is no need to spend it.

The House also should also seriously consider a tax and spend limitation bill adopted by the Senate. The proposal adopted in March would limit growth in the state budget to inflation plus population increase.

However, it would allow adjustments for growth in student enrollment when determining the spending cap annually.

That's a logical way to minimize spending increases while at the same time ensure that any excess revenues be returned to Georgians.

In the meantime, conservatives recently won a crucial vote that protects our

other sensibilities just prior to adjourning for spring break. It was a vote to protect family values.

The House defeated a measure that would have allowed our tax dollars to be used for the purchase and exhibition of lewd, obscene and pornographic materials in libraries.

The legislation before the House was to restore Georgia's obscenity ban, which had been struck down by the courts. Unfortunately, the proposal had a loophole that would have potentially allowed libraries to make these obscene materials available, even to young children.

Conservatives rallied to close that loophole and pass the legislation so that Georgia law can give citizens the protections they deserve in the public arena.

Stay tuned as we wrap up our final weeks of the session this month with some pointed debates that will surely interest all taxpayers.

■ Tom Graves, a Republican from Ranger, represents District 12 in the Georgia House.

Calendar

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select-shot tournament. Cash prizes for first two flights for first, second, and third place finishers based on 20 teams. Hole-in-one prize is a 24-month lease on a new car (sponsored by Prater Ford). For more information, call 706-602-1970 or Fields Ferry at 706-625-9001.

■ The Home Builders will have their Annual Spring Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Calhoun Elks Lodge

Grease (Senior Play) stars, Ryan Wilson (state wrestling champ), senior athletes from all sports, Dance Line, and club members... They will also be signing autographs and posing for photos. CHS teachers will be cleaning tables, washing windows, opening doors, delivering food, etc... as well as hollering for dollars. This is being organized by The Old Schoolers at CHS... Jackie Palazzolo, Laura Payne, and Monica Pierson.

backs for 50 cents, and textbooks for 25 cents. A wide variety of books, including past and current best-sellers, is available. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

■ Register your team For the Mohawk Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Cultural Exchange with Mexico IMLS Grant

Our trip to Mexico, funded by the IMLS grant, was a wonderful opportunity to visit libraries and museums in 3 cities. The group included Clare Auwarter and Kathryn Ames from the Library and Madeline Darnell, Claire Benson, and Nancy Lukasiewicz from the Lyndon House Arts Center. Our itinerary included:

March 24—arrive in Veracruz and take van to Xalapa where we checked in to Posada del Cafeto and explored the downtown park and museum.

March 25—Xalapa. Museum of Anthropology and Museum of Contemporary Art; visit with Fernando Mesa and Bertha Murrieta, our visiting artists [lithographer, photographer and glass etching].

March 26—Xalapa and Naolinco. School of Industrial Arts, Arts and Crafts College and Village of Naolinco, Mask-maker.

March 27—Xalapa and Puebla. Popular Arte, Xalapa City Library, Diamonte and bus to Puebla. Stayed in a 16th century converted convent.

March 28—Puebla. Palofaxiana Library, Uniarte, Talavera Pottery, Barrio de los Artistas; bus to Mexico City.

March 29-30—Mexico City. Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Museums [2] and Diego Rivera Library.

March 30—National Cathedral, Palace, National Library, return to Athens

I was surprised by the helpfulness and friendliness of the people throughout the country. In the three main cities [Xalapa, Puebla, and Mexico City], people stopped to offer assistance and direction to particular locations. Rather than ignore strangers who were struggling with Spanish, they went out of their way to be helpful. A good example of this is when our group got separated at the Puebla bus station and the taxi driver went inside the station to help us find the missing people.

It was exciting to see where artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo lived and worked [they lived in adjacent houses with a bridge from between the two with separate studios as well!] and to see the frescoes in the National Palace and Cathedral as well as on other civic buildings. I've studied Diego's work for many years and it was inspirational to actually visit the museums. Again, the docents in the museums were eager to answer questions and were extremely helpful in guiding us to other locations in the city where their works were exhibited. We also met two artists who would be fantastic artists in residence for future grants!

The Xalapa Library was unique in that they had a separate local history room with letters and books dating from the 17th century. The most interesting was a letter from Maximillian to Benito Juarez dated 1867. It was sitting out exposed to the elements and was legible. This library had no HVAC or special protection for documents, yet they seemed to be holding up well. The Palofaxiana Library in Puebla was another originating in the 17th century and was absolutely beautiful. Unfortunately, no photos were allowed! The soaring cathedral ceilings and ancient books were breathtaking. The National Library limited access to the lobby and central registration lobby, and it appeared to be much more functional.

The Museum of Anthropology in Xalapa was beautiful with Olmec sculptures and intriguing use of "bringing the outside in." Our museum counterparts loved the various art museums and the Museum of Contemporary Art in particular. We all loved seeing the Uniarte factory where all of the Talavera pottery is hand-made. Leading the tour of the factory was the 4th generation owner who oversees the process at 78. Of course, there are now many "knock-offs" available, but the handmade is spectacular!

Taking a bus between cities gave us more perspective of the living conditions; seeing the wonderful art and libraries added to the cultural understanding. A terrific experience!

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Teens, Privacy & Online Social Networks

**How teens manage their online identities
and personal information in the age of
MySpace**

April 18, 2007

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Summary of Findings

Many teenagers avidly use social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook, and employ a variety of tools and techniques to manage their online identities.

Online social networks are spaces on the internet where users can create a profile and connect that profile to others to create a personal network. Social network users post content to their profiles and use tools embedded within social networking websites to contact other users. Young adults and teenagers are among the most avid users of such websites.

Much of the media coverage surrounding young people and online social networks has focused on the personal information teens make available on these networks. Are they sharing information that will harm their future college or job prospects? Or worse, are they sharing information that puts them at risk of victimization?

A new survey and a series of focus groups conducted by the Pew Internet & American Life Project examines how teens understand their privacy through several lenses: by looking at the choices that teens make to share or not to share information online, by examining what they share, by probing for the context in which they share it and by asking teens for their own assessment of their vulnerability. For many online teens, particularly those with profiles, privacy and disclosure choices are made as they create and maintain social networking profiles. Of course, material shared in a profile is just one of many places where information is shared online – but it provides a snapshot into the choices that teens make to share in a relatively public and persistent online environment. Further, we went on to examine the interactions teens have with people unknown to them on social networking sites, exploring the nature of new friendships created on the networks, as well as unwelcome, and some times uncomfortable or scary stranger contacts.

Most teenagers are taking steps to protect themselves online from the most obvious areas of risk. The new survey shows that many youth actively manage their personal information as they perform a balancing act between keeping some important pieces of information confined to their network of trusted friends and, at the same time,

This Pew Internet & American Life Project report is based on the findings of a nationally representative telephone survey of American teens and a parent or guardian. All numerical data were gathered through telephone interviews conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates between October 23, and November 19, 2006 among a sample of 935 teens ages 12-17 and a parent or guardian. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is +/- 3%. For results based teen internet users (n=886), the margin of sampling error is +/- 4%. Quotes in the report were collected during 6 in-person groups and one online focus group, all conducted in June 2006. Groups were conducted with middle and high school students.

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Summary of Findings

participating in a new, exciting process of creating content for their profiles and making new friends. Most teens believe some information seems acceptable – even desirable – to share, while other information needs to be protected.

Still, the survey also suggests that today's teens face potential risks associated with online life. Some 32% of online teenagers (and 43% of social-networking teens) have been contacted online by complete strangers and 17% of online teens (31% of social networking teens) have "friends" on their social network profile who they have never personally met.

Here is a general statistical snapshot of how teens use social network sites and the way they handle their privacy on them:

- 55% of online teens have profiles online; 45% of online teens do not have profiles online.
- Among the teens who have profiles, 66% of them say that their profile is not visible to all internet users. They limit access to their profiles in some way.
- Among those whose profiles can be accessed by anyone online, 46% say they give at least a little and sometimes a good deal of false information on their profiles. Teens post fake information to protect themselves, but also to be playful or silly.
- Most teens are using the networks to stay in touch with people they already know, either friends that they see a lot (91% of social networking teens have done this) or friends that they rarely see in person (82%).
- 49% of social network users say they use the networks to make new friends.
- 32% of online teens have been contacted by strangers online – this could be any kind of online contact, not necessarily contact through social network sites.
- 21% of teens who have been contacted by strangers have engaged an online stranger to find out more information about that person (that translates to 7% of all online teens).
- 23% of teens who have been contacted by a stranger online say they felt scared or uncomfortable because of the online encounter (that translates to 7% of all online teens).

Teens post a variety of things on their profiles, but a first name and photo are standard.

Fully 55% of online teens have profiles; here is a rundown of the kinds of information they post:

- 82% of profile creators have included their first name in their profiles
- 79% have included photos of themselves.
- 66% have included photos of their friends.

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- 61% have included the name of their city or town.
- 49% have included the name of their school.
- 40% have included their instant message screen name.
- 40% have streamed audio to their profile.
- 39% have linked to their blog.
- 29% have included their email address.
- 29% have included their last names.
- 29% have included videos.
- 2% have included their cell phone numbers.
- 6% of online teens and 11% of profile-owning teens post their first and last names on publicly-accessible profiles;
- 3% of online teens and 5% of profile-owning teens disclose their full names, photos of themselves and the town where they live in publicly-viewable profiles.

Boys and girls have different views and different behaviors when it comes to privacy.

Girls and boys differ in how they think about giving out personal information online. Online, girls are more likely than boys to say that they have posted photos both of themselves and of their friends onto their online profile. Boys are more likely to say they have posted the city or town where they live, their last name and their cell phone number when compared with girls.

In our focus groups, girls were, in general, more concerned than boys about the release of any information that can be linked to one's physical location.

Focus Group Snapshot:

"I use a pseudonym, who is 24. Because I regard myself as an intellectual, it's easier to be taken seriously if people don't know they're talking to a 16 year old. You'd be surprised what respect 8 years buys you."

--Boy, Late High School

Boys and younger teens are more likely than girls or older teens to post false information on their online profiles; 64% of profile-owning boys post fake information compared with 50% of girls who do the same. Younger and older teens exhibit another split, with 69% of younger teens posting fake information versus 48% of older teens.

Older teens share more personal information than younger teens.

Teens ages 15-17 with online profiles are more likely than younger teens to post photos of themselves or friends to their profile as well as share their school name online. Older girls are more likely than any other group to share photos of friends, while younger girls are more likely than younger boys to have shared information about their blog on their profile.

To teens, all personal information is not created equal. They say it is very important to understand the context of an information-sharing encounter.

One of the primary questions animating policy discussions about teens' use of social network sites is framed this way: Are today's teens less concerned about their privacy because the internet gives them so many opportunities to socialize and share information?

Our survey suggests that there are a wide range of views among teens about privacy and disclosure of personal information. Whether in an online or offline context, teenagers do not fall neatly into clear-cut groups when it comes to their willingness to disclose information or the ways they restrict access to the information that they do share. For most teens, decisions about privacy and disclosure depend on the nature of the encounter and their own personal circumstances. Teen decisions about whether to disclose or not involve questions like these: Do you live in a small town or big city? How did you create your network of online "friends?" How old are you? Are you male or female? Do your parents have lots of rules about internet use? Do your parents view your profile? All these questions and more inform the decisions that teens make about how they present themselves online. Many, but not all, teens are aware of the risks of putting information online in a public and durable environment. Many, but certainly not all, teens make thoughtful choices about what to share in what context.

Teens who have online profiles are generally more likely to say it is okay to give out certain pieces of personal information in offline situations than they are to have that information actually posted to their profile. Teens with online profiles have a greater tendency to say it is fine to share where they go to school, their IM screen name, email address, last name and cell phone number with someone they met at a party, when compared with the percentage who actually post that information online. The only piece of information they are more likely to share online rather than in person with a new acquaintance is the city and state where they live.

Most teen profile creators suspect that a motivated person could eventually identify them. They also think strangers are more likely to contact teens online than offline.

While most teens take steps to limit what others can know about them from their profiles and postings, they also know that the powerful search tools available to internet users

Summary of Findings

could help motivated individuals track them down. Some 23% of teen profile creators say it would be “pretty easy” for someone to find out who they are from the information posted to their profile, and 40% of teens with profiles online think that it would be hard for someone to find out who they are from their profile, but that they could eventually be found online. Another 36% say they think it would be “very difficult” for someone to identify them from their online profile.

Asked where they thought teens were most likely to be approached by a stranger, the majority of online teens believed that people their age were most likely to be approached by strangers online rather than offline. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of online teens believe that someone their age is most likely to be approached by a someone unknown to them online, while 23% of online teens believe it is more likely to take place offline.

One in three (32%) online teens have been contacted online by a stranger. Among those contacted by strangers, two-thirds (65%) said they ignored the contact or deleted it the last time it happened to them. Some 21% have followed up on the encounter by asking for more information from the person contacting them.

Parents are using technical and non-technical measures to protect their children online.

Parents generally think that the internet is a good thing for their children, but few give their children unfettered access at home. Most teens whose online behavior is monitored by their parents recognize that they are being observed.

Focus Group Snapshot:

“My parents limit my time on the Internet. I can only spend about 1-2 hours of non-school work time on it. They try checking up on me but I can get away with a lot if I wanted. They make sure to tell me never to meet people on it because people pretend to be someone they are not.”

--Boy, High School

- 53% of parents say they have filtering software on the computer their child uses at home.¹
- Teens are generally aware that there are filters on their home computers. Half (50%) of teens who go online from home say that the computer they use at home has a filter that keeps them from going to certain websites.
- 45% of parents have monitoring software that records what users do online.

¹ The question regarding filtering was asked differently in the 2006 survey than it was in the 2004 survey, thus the two responses can not be directly compared.

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- Teens are also relatively aware of monitoring software on their home computers, though less aware than they are of filtering. About a third of teens (35%) with internet access at home believe that there is monitoring software on their home computer.
- 65% of parents report checking up on their teens after they go online.
- Teens are now more aware that their parents are “checking up” on them after they go online; 41% of teens who go online from home believe that their parents monitor them after they have gone online, up from 33% in 2004 and 27% in 2000.
- Home computers are still overwhelmingly located in open family areas of the home; 74% of teens now say the computer they use is in a public place in the home, compared with 73% in 2004 and 70% in 2000.

More households have rules about internet use than have rules about other media.

The internet is a more regulated piece of technology than the television or video game console. Parents are more likely to restrict the type of content their children view online, as well as the amount of time spent on the internet when compared with other media.

- 85% of parents of online teens say they have rules about internet sites their child can or cannot visit.
- 75% of parents of online teens say they have rules about the television shows their child can watch.
- 65% of parents of online teens say they restrict the kinds of video games their child can play.
- 85% of parents of online teens say they have established rules about the kinds of personal information their child can share with people they talk to on the internet.
- 69% say they have household rules for how long a teen can spend online, compared with 57% of parents of online teens who say they restrict the amount of time their child spends watching TV, and the 58% who limit time spent playing video games.

Teens, Privacy & Online Social Networks: Summary of Findings at a Glance

Many teenagers avidly use social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook, and employ a variety of tools and techniques to manage their online identities.

Teens post a variety of things on their profiles, but a first name and photo are standard.

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Source: Lenhart, Amanda and Madden, Mary. *Teens, Privacy & Online Social Networks*. Washington, DC: Pew Internet & American Life Project, April 18, 2007.

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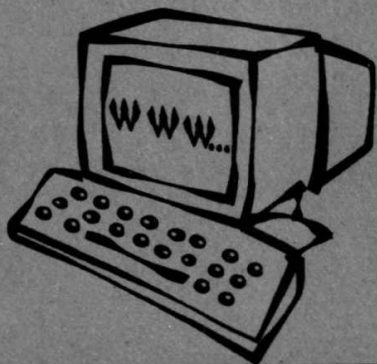
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PEW Internet & American Life Project

"A non-profit research center studying the social effects of the Internet on Americans."

<http://www.pewinternet.org/index.asp>

As of this morning this site contains 191 documents/reports on internet use.

Progress & Freedom Foundation

(Free market technology think tank)

Release 14.5 March 2007

"Social networking and age verification: Many hard questions; no easy solutions," by Adam Thierer

A summary this paper is on the orange Forbes handout.

<http://www.pff.org/issues-pubs/pops/pop14.5ageverification.pdf>

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April 10, 2007

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Internet

Why MySpace Is SafeSpace

Lisa Lerer, 04.03.07, 6:00 AM ET

Adam Thierer doesn't look like much of a revolutionary. But last month he challenged both Washington and conventional wisdom with a fairly radical proposition: Perhaps MySpace and the Internet aren't so scary for kids, after all.

That notion runs counter to a common worry: That social networking sites like MySpace are a virtual red light district, or worse. Parents worry about sexual predators seeking out vulnerable children who lure them to in-person meetings where they are molested, raped or even killed. Law enforcement officials and legislators spend time trying to grapple with the problem, and the media reports on it extensively.

In December, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., introduced legislation requiring all social networking sites to cross-check new members against a database of registered sex offenders' e-mail addresses and instant messenger names.

And a coalition of 34 state attorneys general are threatening to sue **News Corp.'s** MySpace unless it raises its minimum membership age to 16 and institutes stricter age-verification technology. These critics blame the problem on a lack of effective age-verification technology on MySpace, which makes it easy for underage members to get around most restrictions limiting contact with older members.

But Thierer, a senior fellow at the free market technology think tank The Progress and Freedom Foundation, believes lawmakers and others are seriously misguided. The media has overstated the actual number of dangerous incidents happening on the site, he says in a new paper titled "Social Networking and Age Verification: Many Hard Questions; No Easy Solutions." Improving age verification is not only ineffectual solution, he writes, but counter-productive. Forbes.com talked to Thierer about MySpace, sexual predators and safer Web surfing for kids.

How large a problem are child predators on social networking sites?

That issue has been greatly overblown. No doubt there are bad guys lurking online, just like they are lurking on offline venues. The question is, Is it some kind of national epidemic that will be effectively addressed with age verification mandates? I do not think that is the case. There is a very small number of youngsters that are likely to be attacked by these people. These are at-risk youth and they go online and end up stumbling into dangerous situations. That doesn't mean that all kids are prone to stumble into those situations. We have to be realistic about the scope of the problem.

Is effective age verification possible?

It's doubtful that most of the leading plans would do so. The two methods that really count are using credit cards or getting parental permission. The credit card argument has largely been demolished due to the many limitations. Many youngsters have access to credit cards. The permission slip-based approach is not that easy to implement online. Can you get parental permission for tens, if not hundreds, of millions of kids, going on to these sites?

We must ensure that we do not create a false sense of security for kids or parents, so that when they go online they feel they are perfectly safe. And I fear that with many of these age verification systems, that's the end result. A determined bad guy will still be able to get onto the system.

So why are legislators and attorneys general pushing MySpace to adopt an age verification technology?

They are searching for solutions and obviously I sympathize with their concerns. But I think they've looked at age verification as a silver bullet solution when in reality it's not. A solution that requires making the middleman change its ways is easier than the more challenging solution of spending more.

What should government do to keep kids safe on social networking sites?

Spend money on enforcement efforts. Train law enforcement to better police this issue, create online crime labs in every police department, and provide money to prosecutors to seriously go out and prosecute these cases. Then, get the sentencing right at the state level to make sure these guys are put behind bars for a seriously long time. In my book, I go to great pains to outline a media literacy and online safety agenda that we must get serious about in this country. We have largely ignored this approach in favor of taking regulatory approaches to this problem. This is huge mistake.

How do you think parents should protect kids online?

We need to basically teach our kids proper online safety and proper online etiquette so that they learn to make smart decisions

online. I use the analogy of how we've addressed other types of safety issues in the past through significant government campaigns or public private partnerships. We need that same campaign for online safety and instead we are burning millions of dollars in litigation campaigns. I prefer education not regulation, a strategy of talking to kids about these issues and getting them to understand proper online behavior.

Are your kids on MySpace?

My kids are too young to be on MySpace. I have to decide at what age I'll even let them get online at all. My six-year-old can already use a mouse and type on keyboard. When they do want to get on a social networking site I'll probably opt for a smaller, more closed-garden type of site.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
June 4 Called Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Childers, Mr. Eberhard, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Ms. Dunn and Ms. Reynolds were excused. Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, and Ms. Hawks-Bradley were absent. Architects, David Moore and Dee Ann Lack, Mr. Crellen, Collins Project Management, and Keith Sanders, Athens-Clarke County SPLOST office, were present as were staff members Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

1. Schematic Design

The drawings were presented by Architect David Moore. He answered questions about spaces and indicated that approximately 9,000 sq. feet were to be added to each floor. Some spaces had been moved since the previously approved concept design. Further changes will be made after discussions with staff earlier today. Mr. Moore explained that the construction would be sequenced and staged so that the library can stay open during construction. It may add some time and make things more complicated, but it can be done. The issue of parking spaces was addressed again, and it was indicated that talks with the Board of Education would be pursued regarding the soccer field parking. The plan was unanimously approved.

2. FY08 Budget

There was some explanation of how the library budget is funded. It was agreed that this discussion needed to be made again to the Mayor and Commission as well. The board discussed several options on how to make up the shortfall between what is needed to do what the board recommended, and the funds we actually will receive. Part of the problem is that of the employer's share of a GHI mandated increase and part is that we are not receiving any materials money in fiscal year 2008 from the SPLOST budget. The Finance Committee proposed closing one morning and one evening, using passport funds, and the funds from Athens-Clarke County for the GHI increase to meet the shortfall and give employees a 3.5% increase and put hourly staff to the new minimum wage of \$7.25/hour. Materials funding can be made up by using funds from Friends of the Library, left over SPLOST, Endowment funding and perhaps some passport funds as well. The vote was unanimous to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY
AGENDA
CALLED MEETING - JUNE 4, 2007

Call to order

1. Schematic Design of the Building Renovation and Addition
2. FY08 Athens-Clarke County Budget issues

Adjourn

Athens-Clarke County Proposed Budget FY2008

	FY2007	FY2008	Variance
<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,556,584.00	1,596,816.00	40,232.00
City of Winterville	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,950.00	-
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Winterville Copy	125.00	125.00	-
Interest	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,703,891.00</u>	<u>40,232.00</u>

	Budget	FY2008	
<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	-
Wages/Benefits	1,399,763.00	1,516,030.00	116,267.00
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	-
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
Telephone	14,000.00	14,000.00	-
Postage	6,825.00	6,825.00	-
Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Advertising	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Supplies	29,171.00	29,171.00	-
Materials	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	3,700.00	-
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
Electricity	85,000.00	88,800.00	3,800.00
Storm Water Drainage	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
Gas Heat	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,783,726.00</u>	<u>120,067.00</u>

Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	(79,835.00)
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	FY2007 Budget Amount	FY2008* Budget Amount	Variance	Dougherty County
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel (ACCL portion) 3 librarians	279,053.40	293,006.07	13,952.67	279,053.40
Materials (ACCL portion) .35 per capita	33,236.35	34,898.17	1,661.82	31,706.65
SSG (ACCL portion).35 per capita	23,740.25	24,927.26	1,187.01	22,593.25
Travel	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
TOTALS	336,230.00	353,031.50	16,801.50	333,553.30

**FY08 state figures estimated

SPLOST:

Athens	125,500.00	(125,500.00)
Winterville	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	-
TOTALS	130,000.00	(130,000.00)

TOTAL REVENUES	2,129,889.00	2,136,757.50	6,868.50
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Regional Services

4 Librarians Clarke County Benefits	
from housing these	349,067.60
Regional Contributions	
cost from Branches	57,540.00
T- 1 Lines	100,000.00
Vacation Reading Programs	6,000.00
Computer Personnel	22,760.00
Administrative Personnel	25,560.00
TOTAL	560,927.60

ACCL Proposed Budget FY08 Salary increase detail

Item	Cost
14 Staff under \$7.25/hour	7,924.00
3.5% increase all other staff	52,316.00
GHI increase from .16713 .22843	56,027.00
TOTAL	116,267.00

06/03/07 MFS

Savings on Closing Library 2 days	56,000.00
Passport Revenues	24,000.00
TOTAL	80,000.00

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
July 10, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Mr. Prokasy and Mr. Eberhard were excused. Also present were staff members Ms. Miller, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes. Ms. Reynolds was welcomed to the board as the representative from Winterville.

The minutes of April 10, 2007 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion and second from Ms. Kohl and Ms. Bogue.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Ms. Bogue and Mr. Mokler.

Financial Report. Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report. At the end of the fiscal year both revenues and expenses were at 99%. Equipment Purchased shows a surplus because we received a Systems Services grant in May which gave us enough computers to update staff computers. The Gates Grant had already allowed us to update public computers.

There was no public comment.

Staff Report: Amy Miller, Library Store Manager and Volunteer Coordinator gave a brief report about both of her responsibilities. Both a report on the number of volunteers and a store financial report were presented.(copies attached) Ms. Miller also displayed some of the new items for sale in the store.

Committee Reports followed

1. Building Committee/SPLOST – These two committees have been merged and Anjanette Williams is the current chair. Members include: Ann Dunn, John Gaither, Svea Bogue, John Timmons and Fran Lane. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to join the committee.
- 2.Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue reminded the board of Family Fun Day on August 4. In June. The one day book sale made a profit of \$4,812.95 and a lemonade stand \$30. Diane Kohl mentioned there are several positions open on the Friends Board.
3. Ad Hoc Planning Committee – The after work event the board plans to host sometime to be determined in September for the Mayor and Commission will hopefully aid in educating that body in the mission and funding of the library.
4. Winterville – Ms. Reynolds reported many improvements had been made such as a story time rug, desktop copier and new book truck and file cabinet. She mentioned that the new branch manager, Lizz Bernstein is on board and very enthusiastic and full of plans.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had her written report for board members to review. She noted the front page story about Pinewoods in today's paper. The Highsmith Library Innovation Award plaque she received at ALA was passed around. A \$2000 check accompanied the award and will be used to buy more Spanish books for Pinewoods at the Guadalajara Book Festival this year. The windfall grant money allowed our branches to buy many things they wanted such as those Ms. Reynolds had just mentioned. She also thanked board members for their service as volunteers supporting the library.

Unfinished Business.

1. DVD challenge. The committee recommended that this DVD be removed from the collection. Staff is asked to especially review un-rated international films for content.
- 2.FY08 Budget contract with Athens-Clarke County Unified Government was unanimously approved on a motion and second from Ms. Dunn and Ms. Bogue.

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Athens-Clarke County Library
July 10, 2007

Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting was shared with the board.

New Business.

The Policy Committee decided to leave the policy about book sales on library property unchanged.

Other Business

A Nominating Committee was named to choose a slate of officer's for next year. Those named were Ms. Kohl, Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Bentley.

The Harry Potter request which had been made to each individual board member was given back to the staff to decide it's merits.

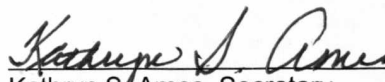
The schematic design from the architect which was on the consent agenda at last week's meeting of the Mayor and Commission was shown. At that meeting, an additional review was placed into the process prior to November before final confirmation.

Georgia Center for the Book now has special license plates available with proceeds going to purchase books for libraries.

FOGL will host Stephanie Vance in Decatur on November 17 on advocacy.

The Patron Satisfaction Survey results were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 on motions from Ms. Dunn and Mr. Mokler.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA
July 10, 2007

Call to order.

*Minutes of April 10, 2007 meeting and
June 4, 2007 called meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.(for information)

Public Comment(5 minute limit)

Staff Report: Amy Miller, Library Store

Committee Reports.

- 1.Building & Grounds/SPLOST
- 2.Friends of the Library
- 3.Ad Hoc Planning Committee for Commission "Educational
Event"

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

Report from Ad Hoc Committee on challenged DVD
Approve 2008 Budget Contract with Athens-Clarke County

New Business.

Book Sales on library premises by outside
groups/individuals.

Other business.

Nominating Committee
Harry Potter request

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Next meeting: October 9, 2007
FOGL Workshop: November 17, 2007, in Warner Robins with
Advocacy Speaker, Stephanie Vance.

	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,121.34	628,121.34	-	100.00%
Materials	123,916.46	123,916.46	-	100.00%
System Services Grant *	158,713.50	158,713.50	-	100.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	143,439.30	-	100.00%
	<u>1,054,190.60</u>	<u>1,054,190.60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

*Includes May Enhancement \$24,165.20

SPLOST:

Athens *	127,000.00	107,129.09	19,870.91	84.35%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	1,311.72	188.28	87.45%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	1,103.29	396.71	73.55%
TOTALS	<u>130,000.00</u>	<u>109,544.10</u>	<u>20,455.90</u>	<u>84.26%</u>

*includes new phone system

Total State Grants & SPLOST	<u>1,184,190.60</u>	<u>1,163,734.70</u>	<u>20,455.90</u>	<u>98.27%</u>
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Fund Equity ("Reserve")

Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/06	279,856.21
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)
One Months Operating Expense	(138,388.25)
	<u>10,551.45</u>

Other Entrepreneurial Activities

Passport Profit and Loss Statement FY2007

Balance in Passport 07/01/06	38,047.86
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Revenues

07/01/06 - 06/30/07	58,812.37
Total Revenues	<u>58,812.37</u>

Expenditures

Verizon pagers	18.67
Postage through 03/31/07	251.78
Total Expenditures	<u>270.45</u>

Net Profit Current Year	96,589.78
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Athens-Clarke County Library
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Revenue:

Expenditures:

Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	(499.80)
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2006/2007 Volunteer Hours

Area	# of volunteers	# of hours
Library Store	25	1496
Technical Services	2	182.5
Children's & YA	62	176
Friends of the Library	60	2604
TBC	30	1344
Heritage Room	9	149
Total:	188	5981.5

Teens (included in above figures) –

Library Store – 10 (22.5 hrs)

Children's & YA – 10 (20 hrs)

LIBRARY STORE SALES FY01 THROUGH FY07

Revenue:	FY 01 Actual Amount	FY 02 Actual Amount	FY03 ACTUAL Amount	FY04 ACTUAL Amount	FY 05 ACTUAL Amount	FY 06 ACTUAL Amount	FY 07 ACTUAL Amount
Interest	1,100.93	1,159.23	1,214.37	1,376.99	1,422.11	1,479.33	1,492.11
Sales	37,800.10	45,447.58	41,638.82	24,963.78	30,222.07	19,433.26	15,904.46
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>38,901.03</u>	<u>46,606.81</u>	<u>42,853.19</u>	<u>26,340.77</u>	<u>31,644.18</u>	<u>20,912.59</u>	<u>17,396.57</u>
Expenditures:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Operating Expenditures	<u>30,080.03</u>	<u>45,453.32</u>	<u>28,600.56</u>	<u>25,145.40</u>	<u>18,924.55</u>	<u>16,077.21</u>	<u>10,349.03</u>
Net Revenue over (under) expenses	8,821.00	1,153.49	14,252.63	1,195.37	12,719.63	4,835.38	7,047.54

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2007

Nationsbank Certificate of Deposit	21,874.08
Suntrust Bank Checking Account	15,240.77
Inventory on books	<u>14,233.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>51,348.26</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	 <u>51,348.26</u>

Director's Report
July 10, 2007

The highlight of this quarter appeared on the front page of today's *Banner-Herald*! The PLA Highsmith Award for Innovation in Public Library Service recognition was so exciting. The award was presented at the annual American Library Association meetings held in Washington, DC on June 25, 2007. Athens-Clarke County Library was recognized for *Familia a Familia*, a family literacy program that provides cultural interaction, educational programming, and art activities for the Pinewoods and greater Athens communities. The \$2000 check will be used to purchase additional materials for the Pinewoods collection.

In conjunction with our IMLS grant for outreach to the Latino community, the Library and Lyndon House Arts Center collaborated to present an exhibit of four Mexican artists living in Georgia. Evan Firestone, art historian, developed the exhibit which is currently running at the Arts Center. A catalog of the artists work is being printed and will be distributed through the Lyndon House.

We have been invited to submit a grant for a project sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers Foundation. On reflection, we decided to partner with the Cooperative Extension Service to develop a pilot program that could be replicated across Georgia. In most counties, there are libraries and extension agents and we would propose that once the pilot has been evaluated and tweaked, that we offer the program statewide. Because we were invited to submit a grant, we believe we have a great opportunity to present programs that will come from trusted sources of information [libraries and extension offices] in an unbiased way. The State Library has already agreed to help disseminate information and to provide help planning the training program.

In other grant news, Tammy Gerson has been awarded a second grant from the American Library Association to present a series of 5 programs on Jewish Literature. Greg Deal and Karen Douglas authored the proposal to provide access to driver's education sites at all libraries. Each library will receive 2 computers, switches, cabling, computer furniture and chairs, and other components. When not in use by driver's ed students, the computers will be available to all. Students will be encouraged to make reservations to use the system.

New staff include Carrie Mumah who is our new public relations specialist replacing Stacey Overstreet who has moved to South Carolina. Carrie is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is completing her Master's Degree this summer. She served as our intern last year.

Donna Brumby begins August 1 as the new Extension Librarian. Donna is currently with the Gwinnett County Library System and served as a branch manager in Andrews, NC.

Kim James who has been serving as our outreach facilitator adds responsibility for East Athens Community Center. She will work mornings with homebound delivery service and afternoons in East Athens. Kim recently began selecting books for people who receive Meals on Wheels.

The Library received a "windfall" grant which resulted in each library getting \$1308 for their facility. While most focused on upgrades to their computers, Lay Park added a digital camera, software and curtains; Winterville purchased a new copier; East Athens bought a camera and software; Athens got a new portable sound system for large group use; and Pinewoods bought bean bag chairs, art materials and 2 picnic tables for outside activities.

The State has \$900,000 for Major Maintenance and Repair projects. Robert Baird and Pam Blake are working together to develop an application that covers the cost of replacing the computer that controls the HVAC unit. This is something that really cannot wait for the renovation of the building. The 50-50 grant deadline is July 30 and they should have this ready to submit shortly.

The building project is coming along. We have submitted the Draft Site Application to the State. Local civil engineer, Pat Mahoney, worked on the various requirements for zoning, parking, and green spaces. We have also reviewed most spaces with team leaders and plan to have the others where changes were not as major meet with the architect when he returns from Peru. The next form due is the Financial Application which Ken Crellen is working on. It details how the funds will be spent on construction and other expenditures.

Among my current activities:

- PINNACLE is a training program for emerging leaders in Georgia libraries. Trudi Green has been selected as one of the initial class of 20 librarians. I'm serving as a mentor [old age has its benefits!] and am one of the steering committee members.
- GPLS Planning Committee. This is a group of 12 people representing libraries of all types across the state evaluating where the state library is and where it should focus attention in the future.
- RPLAC. This is the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee consisting of 12 librarians elected to represent 4 different sizes of libraries. We are working on ensuring equitability of service and funding.
- Construction Committee. We have revised the rules for construction, and have studied the effects of the Governor's veto. Our hope is that the 5 vetoed projects will be reinstated and the top ranked projects on the FY2009 list [including Athens] will be funded.
- Guadalajara Book Festival. I have just received notification that I am one of 150 librarians invited to attend this festival with expenses being covered by a grant from the American Library Association. It will be held in late November.

**INDEPENDENT AGENCY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual benefits received, the **Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia** (hereinafter called the "**Unified Government**") and the **Athens-Clarke County Library** hereby enter into a contractual agreement as follows:

I. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY:

- A. Base services: Serve as a resource center to the community by: providing library materials which satisfy informational needs; promoting the creative use of leisure time; providing access to the Internet System; providing programs in the Learning Center, the Youth Services area, the Heritage Room, the Talking Book Center, and the Adult Services Office; providing new materials to library users; and increasing the number of Library users and circulation of materials.

By signing this contract, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Athens-Clarke County Library agree that the Base Services provision provided for under this contract is the only part subject to Rule 160-6-2-01 of the Requirements for Public Library State Aid Grant Funds.

- B. Supplemental services: Funding for FY08 includes \$36,432 for staff salary/benefits and \$3,800 for utility increases.

By signing this contract, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Athens-Clarke County Library agree that the Supplemental Services provision of this contract falls outside of Rule 160-6-2-01 of The Requirements for Public Library State Aid Grant Funds.

II. PAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT:

- A. Base Payment: One million, five hundred fifty-six thousand, five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$1,556,584).
- B. Supplemental Services Payment: Forty thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$40,232) for staff salary/benefits and utility increases.
- C. Method of Payment: Payments will be made in monthly installments, beginning in July, 2007 for base and supplemental services described in Article I and II.

III. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

- A. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall keep accurate records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- B. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall maintain separate accounting for **Unified Government** funds so as to accurately reflect the source and uses of funds, revenues, expenditures, and a determination of the fund balance and balance of unencumbered/unexpended funds held at any and all times.
- C. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall have a defined fiscal year budget that reflects revisions, revenues, expenditures, and balance of unencumbered/unexpended funds held at all times.
- D. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** agrees to expend all **Unified Government** funds during FY08 but no later than July 31, 2008, and to report all unexpended **Unified Government** funds to the Athens-Clarke County Finance Department no later than August 31, 2008.
- E. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall have a comprehensive audit performed of all agency funds by a Certified Public Accountant or a state/federal government agency in compliance with generally accepted auditing standards. The cost of this audit shall be paid by the **Athens-Clarke County Library**. A copy of this audit report shall be sent to the Athens-Clarke County Finance Department immediately upon receipt from the State Auditor.

IV. RIGHT TO EXAMINE RECORDS:

- A. Upon the request of the Unified Government's Finance Director, the **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall provide timely and appropriate access to an authorized agent of the **Unified Government** to review all accounting records and related documents to conduct audits and examine as appropriate during the year in which the service is provided, the closing out of business, and reserves the right to audit and examine up to three years after the close out of FY08.

V. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT:

- A. The **Unified Government** reserves the right to evaluate the performance of services and outcomes proposed and delivered at any time during and for one year after the contract service period.

VI.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION:

- A. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** agrees to indemnify the **Unified Government**, its assignees, officers, agents, and employees, and to hold each of them harmless against any and all claims, damages, losses, expenses, and liability resulting from, or relating to, any act or omission arising from the performance of this agreement.

VII.

TERMINATION CLAUSE:

- A. The **Unified Government** may terminate this agreement for fault upon 30 days' notice to said **Athens-Clarke County Library**. It shall be the sole discretion of the **Unified Government** as to whether fault may be cured by the Athens-Clarke County Library.

VIII. **METHOD OF AMENDMENT:**

- A. This agreement may be amended/modified at any time by mutual consent of the governing bodies of the Parties hereto. Any modification hereto shall require 30 days' written notification and be signed by duly designated representatives of both Parties.

IX. **OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS:**

- A. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall comply with all applicable requirements of O.C.G.A. Sections 50-18-70 et seq., pertaining to the Inspection of Public Records.
- B. The **Athens-Clarke County Library** shall comply with all applicable agency requirements of O.C.G.A. Sections 50-14-1 et seq., pertaining to Open and Public Meetings and to all applicable agency requirements of the Code of Athens-Clarke County Section 1-6-1, concerning Procedures Governing Closed Meetings.

- X. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY

Fran J. Lane
~~DIRECTOR~~ Chairman, *Fran J. Lane*
Athens-Clarke County Library

ATTEST:

Kathryn S. Ames
SECRETARY
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(CORPORATE SEAL)

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
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Library Journal

Books, Books, Books!

By Laura Magzis — March 1, 2007

In October 2006, a study funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the American Library Association and conducted by Florida State University found that 99 percent of U.S. public libraries provide Internet access free of charge and that 71 percent of librarians believe the most crucial effect of this is to provide online access to patrons who do not otherwise have it.

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I don't intend to downplay the importance of public libraries and their role in helping close the digital divide. The "stacks are empty" premise, however, really burns my toast. It may be an unpopular and rarely heard opinion, but many people value libraries because they are full of books we can read for free. I fear that negative attitudes like those expressed in the *Journal-World*, paradoxically coupled with positive assessments like the Gates study, slight an important function that public libraries still serve: *books, books, books for free, free, free.*

What's a book?

You remember books? Smallish, flat, rectangular things made out of wood pulp that don't need to be plugged in or charged, that neither glow nor hum, that are invulnerable to viruses and spam. Oh, and they're portable, perfect for tucking into pocket or purse, and great conversation starters at a party or on the bus. I'm talking about books, not "information." Books, not "technology." And I'm not even going to get into all the circulation-boosting nonbook materials that comprise an increasing part of many public library collections. The point is libraries, particularly public libraries, are not limited in their function to the technological provision of timely information.

Every so often the trade press publishes an alarmist article about the high cost vs. entertainment value of a new book, compared with that of a computer game, DVD, or CD, and predicts the end of book publishing as we know it as a result. Invariably these articles lead to a flurry of letters reminding people that those expensive books are generally obtainable at the library for free. Now, avid readers may, of course, have to delay gratification until their favorite author's new book is returned by another fan, and, yes, checking out that book likely requires some

knowledge of their library catalog's hold/reserve function. No big deal, right? Yet somehow this keeps getting lost in all the hoopla about technology. Speaking of technology, how many readers do you know who like to curl up with a good ebook?

By the numbers

If people don't read as much as they used to, as some suggest, circulation statistics are not reflecting that. According to the Index of American Public Library Circulation and Expenditures, public library circulation was up 1.8 percent. Hennen's American Public Library Ratings for 2006 found the same circulation trend, reporting a 2.3 percent "multiyear climb," and *LJ*'s book-buying study calls circulation "the success story" of the annual survey, begun in 1998 (*LJ* 2/15/07).

Let me bottom line it for you: libraries must not let the current focus on technology overshadow the activity of people who still read books for pleasure and visit their library in search of free, portable entertainment. Often the patrons boosting our circulation statistics are the very same patrons who queue up to use the Internet on our computers. They may want more technology, but I'm not convinced that they want it at the expense of books.

Let's remember

Who among us hasn't visited a book superstore and seen rafts of people enjoying the comfy chairs, sipping lattes in the café, or parked on the floor studying? I even know people who visit their local Barnes & Noble or Borders to research books they then order from independent bookstores or their library. What are we to make of this? Not that libraries should rush to add cafés or begin adding Yu-Gi-Oh cards to their collection. Nor should we view the growth of book superstores as a threat. Rather, this should be viewed as a different sort of divide. If Jane Rich Reader can afford to buy a shopping cart full of \$30 hardcovers whenever she feels like it, shouldn't Joe Poor Reader have the opportunity to read the same "shopping cart" full of books at the library for free?

Public libraries are uniquely democratic and democratizing institutions. Even as we struggle to provide more technological services, we must not forget that there's more to life than "information." Whether or not you believe that people don't read as much as they used to, it's inarguable that people visit their public libraries in search of free, portable entertainment. Sure, some of our more colorful patrons and staff provide free entertainment inadvertently. But I'm talking about entertainment in the form of free DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs. Oh, yeah, and books. Let's not forget books.

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Circulation Statistics FY2007

Athens-Clarke

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491	56,063
August	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103	51,182
September	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997	49,186
October	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474	47,202
November	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990	43,597
December	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808	36,177
January	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340	46,128
February	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215	43,600
March	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100	45,874
April	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983	43,040
May	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019	47,899
June	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460	57,862
TOTALS	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980	567,810
In-House Use			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349	534,924

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens -Materials Reshelfed After Use

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553	296
August		2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537	292
September		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210	1,174
October		2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728	1,475
November		1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962	1,896
December		1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687	1,475
January	1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240	1,427
February	2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314	1,700
March	2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052	1,604
April	2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921	1,715
May	1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682	1,692
June	2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331	1,754
TOTALS	12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217	16,500

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

Winterville

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116	1,468
August	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1,145	902	1,104
September	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714	932
October	681	578	738	990	990	963	921	1,002
November	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430	930
December	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667	607
January	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052	789
February	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073	805
March	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152	927
April	370	613	676	706	807	636	811	893
May	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	1,137	1,230
June	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	1,669	1,499
TOTALS	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644	12,186
In-house Use				11,596	3,562	3640	2,743	12,220

Bookmobile/Outreach

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157	524
August	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173	683
September	1,206	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173	0
October	921	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	0	0
November	1,717	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555	0
December	1,083	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261	0
January	1,276	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758	5
February	876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765	0
March	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002	601
April	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	810	161
May	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	543	434
June	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	244	479	412
TOTALS	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	8,676	2,820

East Athens Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		133	978	492	1,194
August		80	454	478	274
September		234	34	265	38
October	33	917	1,124	518	520
November	9	426	218	849	835
December	193	585	34	502	1710
January	158	635	828	58	1638
February	227	538	41	577	1438
March	148	533	391	340	900
April	129	837	413	478	936
May	111	578	589	1222	797
June	52	777	580	1892	605
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684	7671	10,885
In-House Use	639	10,166	9,204	2,626	17,940

Lay Park Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
July		137	3,549	686	1,428
August		73	990	398	666
September		382	543	257	1148
October	4	381	644	1058	1156
November	49	385	538	358	926
December	238	423	475	746	700
January	167	373	497	888	832
February	112	124	395	773	872
March	160	177	999	1004	952
April	127	139	533	1343	1161
May	118	172	1,077	1222	1257
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304	1578
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037	12,676
In-House Use	999	13,988	6,396	6,656	30,680

Pinewoods

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		440	274
August		977	171
September		341	1504
October		303	1492
November		1285	1392
December		141	1050
January		334	2012
February		145	1546
March	110	539	917
April	603	147	1104
May	744	117	703
June	664	2743	284
TOTALS	2,121	7512	12449
In-House Use		12,284	

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY 2007 USER SURVEY ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

494 completed surveys

Please complete this survey to help us better meet your need and to plan for the future.

1. How often do you visit the library?

298	Weekly	124	Monthly	55	Few times/year	27	Rarely
5	Daily						

2. Which department(s) do you use most often?

123	Children's	237	Computers	153	Young Adult	66	Adult Services
81	Reference	92	Music/Media	149	New Books	95	Heritage/Local History
20	Exhibits	75	Magazines	74	Other		

3. Have you used these library services?

Yes	No	
169	187	Databases from home(Galileo)
162	194	Programs (films, storytimes, concerts)
163	186	Reference /Genealogy
235	133	Reserve books through PINES
123	195	Meeting/study rooms
150	186	Software programs (Word, Excel, etc)
250	123	Library website (www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us)
137	193	Wireless Internet
467	119	Internet use
35	249	Passports
14	26	Other (please list) Library store, voter registration Getting UGA borrower's card, ILL, copier, exhibits

4. What is your favorite feature about the branch you use in the Athens Regional Library System?

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5. What would you like changed or added to your library?

see next page

6. Did you find what you needed today?

If no, please explain

Yes	No
429	37

7. Would you recommend this library to a friend?

If no, please explain

Yes	No
476	5

8. Please use back of survey for additional comments.

see next page

Thank you for your time!

Weekly adult programs during daylight hours 2
Room for more books 2
More chairs without arms to accommodate larger people 2
Cleaner facilities 2
More ILL 2
Books due in 3 weeks instead of 2 2
More service for people with disabilities
Family movie night
Privacy screens for computers
Table outlets
Laptop rentals
Children's after school programs
Great need for community outreach
No fee for printing
Discs 50 cents instead of \$1
Improve PINES catalog-very inadequate
Faster Internet
Nicer auditorium and meeting rooms
Bigger selection of popular authors
Add ESL classes or special software for people to learn English
More African-American books
Better renewal system
More scholastic lists
More media for children
Magazine checkout
More autobiographies
More monitoring of people using cell phones
More monitoring of underage kids at computers
Landscape appeal for outdoor activities
Smarter filters
Wednesday book club list available before meeting
Eastside location if possible
Food court
Multi-language TV
Printing stations in ETC fixed
The way black children and adults are treated and spoken to
More helpful staff
Earphones for teen place
Ability to download audio books
Ban I films immediately
Wait too long for books on hold
Better signage at Alps and Baxter
Better chairs in ETC
Don't have a separate mystery section
Ability to use phones when needed

Additional Comments:

Thank you for your services
Much nicer than Roswell library where we used to live.

Pockets in books for reminder cards – especially if they have more than one set of books checked out.

Just keep the books coming in.

I love this library – it's my sanity.

Would like signage for quieter areas or reminder that people are reading or studying
"Silence is Golden"

Excellent library

This is the best library ever.

Your computer lab is priceless to those of us emerging from the dinosaur era!

Very friendly, helpful and caring staff

Husband and I new to are, but are pleased overall with this library.

Complaint about policewoman sitting at checkout.

See comments about purchase of a set of Directory of American Scholars

Greater support by people who use it.

Women's restroom not wheelchair acceptable – see comments

Library is my favorite destination in Athens.

Library is a wonderful place and is so important for education of all ages and community program.

Pay the staff more – said he'd never been in a community where library staff was so underpaid.

The internet address you use to notify me when a book I have requested comes in looks like a SPAM address, especially if I can only see part of the address on my screen.

evergreen@georgialibraries

sub: Hold confirmation

If I only see evergreen combined with a notice, it looks like SPAM and I delete it!

This is a busy place!

Could you plant flowers in the beds in front? I understand there was a problem but maybe a wire border would keep the kids off them.

Great new books section

Library staff is exceptional! Always friendly and helpful!

Great library.

Library has a wonderful standard. I am glad it is in my community.

Some people download porn pictures and save to hard drive. Please "clean up" hard drive.

Some websites are inaccurately labeled as pornography and cannot be accessed i.e. The Police Car website, "The Damn Show," locally produced comedy show from GA Theater.

Wife takes language class and is very impressed

There seems to be more demand than computers available.

School board/after school programs/ and other means of outreach are needed.

Community boards are great for hearing from invisible public. Consequently there are many favorable attributes but funding alone will not make the library a better place.

There is a greater need for ascertaining how behavioral challenge will be handled.

Security personnel are not always supported. abovesensation@aol.com

Staff very helpful.

Library smells of mildew – rugs are soiled. Smells moldy and unhealthy. Cloth furniture stained and dirty.

Love being able to get books from all over Georgia through PINES.

You provide an invaluable resource to our community and should be compensated at a higher level.

WINTERVILLE 2007 USER SURVEY ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

30 completed surveys

Please complete this survey to help us better meet your need and to plan for the future.

1. How often do you visit the library?

Weekly Monthly Few times/year Rarely

2. Which department(s) do you use most often?

<input type="text" value="15"/> Children's	<input type="text" value="8"/> Computers	<input type="text" value="1"/> Young Adult	<input type="text" value="4"/> Adult Services
<input type="text" value="6"/> Reference	<input type="text" value="6"/> Music/Media	<input type="text" value="8"/> New Books	<input type="text"/> Heritage/Local History
<input type="text"/> Exhibits	<input type="text" value="5"/> Magazines	<input type="text" value="5"/> Other	

3. Have you used these library services?

Yes	No	
<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="19"/>	Databases from home(Galileo)
<input type="text" value="16"/>	<input type="text" value="7"/>	Programs (films, storytimes, concerts)
<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input type="text" value="14"/>	Reference /Genealogy
<input type="text" value="19"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Reserve books through PINES
<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="25"/>	Meeting/study rooms
<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="23"/>	Software programs (Word, Excel, etc)
<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input type="text" value="17"/>	Library website (www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us)
<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="23"/>	Wireless Internet
<input type="text" value="11"/>	<input type="text" value="16"/>	Internet use
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="26"/>	Passports
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>	Other (please list)

4. What is your favorite feature about the branch you use in the Athens Regional Library System? Friendly staff Programs Accessibility Story time
Children's area Convenient User friendly

5. What would you like changed or added to your library?

Open every day with longer hours More media/DVDs
Larger library Update the interior

6. Did you find what you needed today?

If no, please explain

Yes
28

No
<input type="text"/>

7. Would you recommend this library to a friend?

If no, please explain

Yes
28

No
<input type="text"/>

8. Please use back of survey for additional comments.

Thank you for your time!

Friendly staff, never crowded

Love, love, love the Winterville Branch! It's a jewel!

Excellent help. Could not ask for more

I always tell people how easy it is to look up anything or put a hold on anything you need.

EAST ATHENS 2007 USER SURVEY ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

19 completed surveys

Please complete this survey to help us better meet your need and to plan for the future.

1. How often do you visit the library?

☐ 14 Weekly ☐ 3 Monthly ☐ 1 Few times/year ☐ 1 Rarely

2. Which department(s) do you use most often?

<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Children's	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Adult Services
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Reference	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Music/Media	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 New Books	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Heritage/Local History
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Other	

3. Have you used these library services?

Yes	No	
2	17	Databases from home(Galileo)
7	12	Programs (films, storytimes, concerts)
3	16	Reference /Genealogy
11	8	Reserve books through PINES
2	17	Meeting/study rooms
8	11	Software programs (Word, Excel, etc)
12	7	Library website (www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us)
8	11	Wireless Internet
12	7	Internet use
2	17	Passports
2	4	Other (please list)

4. What is your favorite feature about the branch you use in the Athens Regional Library System?

computers 2 books 2 information desk fun events

5. What would you like changed or added to your library?

longer hours newer books 2 new adult books
more computers 2 more space

6. Did you find what you needed today?

If no, please explain

Yes
15

No
2

7. Would you recommend this library to a friend?

If no, please explain

Yes
17

No
2

no new interesting books, not resourceful

8. Please use back of survey for additional comments

I would like to see the library here with movie video tapes for the community to check out.

Thank you for your time!

LAY PARK 2007 USER SURVEY ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

16 completed surveys

Please complete this survey to help us better meet your need and to plan for the future.

1. How often do you visit the library?

☐ 13 Weekly ☐ 1 Monthly ☐ 1 Few times/year ☐ 0 Rarely

2. Which department(s) do you use most often?

<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Children's	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Adult Services
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Reference	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Music/Media	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 New Books	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Heritage/Local History
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 Other	

3. Have you used these library services?

Yes	No	
6	8	Databases from home(Galileo)
7	9	Programs (films, storytimes, concerts)
3	12	Reference /Genealogy
4	12	Reserve books through PINES
4	11	Meeting/study rooms
4	11	Software programs (Word, Excel, etc)
5	10	Library website (www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us)
4	11	Wireless Internet
8	7	Internet use
4	12	Passports
	3	Other (please list)

4. What is your favorite feature about the branch you use in the Athens Regional Library System? Variety of children's books/materials ☐ 2 Books ☐ Special programs
Computers ☐ Convenience ☐ Magazines ☐ Chapter books for YA
Comic books ☐

5. What would you like changed or added to your library?

Some type of window decoration More study space Private room
for group study Expanded hours Rules ☐ 2

6. Did you find what you needed today?
If no, please explain

Yes
15

No

7. Would you recommend this library to a friend?
If no, please explain

Yes
16

No

8. Please use back of survey for additional comments.

Fewer young patrons "hanging out" and not using the services

Thank you for your time!

Director's Report
July 10, 2007

The highlight of this quarter appeared on the front page of today's *Banner-Herald*! The PLA Highsmith Award for Innovation in Public Library Service recognition was so exciting. The award was presented at the annual American Library Association meetings held in Washington, DC on June 25, 2007. Athens-Clarke County Library was recognized for *Familia a Familia*, a family literacy program that provides cultural interaction, educational programming, and art activities for the Pinewoods and greater Athens communities. The \$2000 check will be used to purchase additional materials for the Pinewoods collection.

In conjunction with our IMLS grant for outreach to the Latino community, the Library and Lyndon House Arts Center collaborated to present an exhibit of four Mexican artists living in Georgia. Evan Firestone, art historian, developed the exhibit which is currently running at the Arts Center. A catalog of the artists work is being printed and will be distributed through the Lyndon House.

We have been invited to submit a grant for a project sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers Foundation. On reflection, we decided to partner with the Cooperative Extension Service to develop a pilot program that could be replicated across Georgia. In most counties, there are libraries and extension agents and we would propose that once the pilot has been evaluated and tweaked, that we offer the program statewide. Because we were invited to submit a grant, we believe we have a great opportunity to present programs that will come from trusted sources of information [libraries and extension offices] in an unbiased way. The State Library has already agreed to help disseminate information and to provide help planning the training program.

In other grant news, Tammy Gerson has been awarded a second grant from the American Library Association to present a series of 5 programs on Jewish Literature. Greg Deal and Karen Douglas authored the proposal to provide access to driver's education sites at all libraries. Each library will receive 2 computers, switches, cabling, computer furniture and chairs, and other components. When not in use by driver's ed students, the computers will be available to all. Students will be encouraged to make reservations to use the system.

New staff include Carrie Mumah who is our new public relations specialist replacing Stacey Overstreet who has moved to South Carolina. Carrie is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is completing her Master's Degree this summer. She served as our intern last year.

Donna Brumby begins August 1 as the new Extension Librarian. Donna is currently with the Gwinnett County Library System and served as a branch manager in Andrews, NC.

Kim James who has been serving as our outreach facilitator adds responsibility for East Athens Community Center. She will work mornings with homebound delivery service and afternoons in East Athens. Kim recently began selecting books for people who receive Meals on Wheels.

The Library received a "windfall" grant which resulted in each library getting \$1308 for their facility. While most focused on upgrades to their computers, Lay Park added a digital camera, software and curtains; Winterville purchased a new copier; East Athens bought a camera and software; Athens got a new portable sound system for large group use; and Pinewoods bought bean bag chairs, art materials and 2 picnic tables for outside activities.

The State has \$900,000 for Major Maintenance and Repair projects. Robert Baird and Pam Blake are working together to develop an application that covers the cost of replacing the computer that controls the HVAC unit. This is something that really cannot wait for the renovation of the building. The 50-50 grant deadline is July 30 and they should have this ready to submit shortly.

The building project is coming along. We have submitted the Draft Site Application to the State. Local civil engineer, Pat Mahoney, worked on the various requirements for zoning, parking, and green spaces. We have also reviewed most spaces with team leaders and plan to have the others where changes were not as major meet with the architect when he returns from Peru. The next form due is the Financial Application which Ken Crellen is working on. It details how the funds will be spent on construction and other expenditures.

Among my current activities:

- PINNACLE is a training program for emerging leaders in Georgia libraries. Trudi Green has been selected as one of the initial class of 20 librarians. I'm serving as a mentor [old age has its benefits!] and am one of the steering committee members.
- GPLS Planning Committee. This is a group of 12 people representing libraries of all types across the state evaluating where the state library is and where it should focus attention in the future.
- RPLAC. This is the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee consisting of 12 librarians elected to represent 4 different sizes of libraries. We are working on ensuring equitability of service and funding.
- Construction Committee. We have revised the rules for construction, and have studied the effects of the Governor's veto. Our hope is that the 5 vetoed projects will be reinstated and the top ranked projects on the FY2009 list [including Athens] will be funded.
- Guadalajara Book Festival. I have just received notification that I am one of 150 librarians invited to attend this festival with expenses being covered by a grant from the American Library Association. It will be held in late November.

MINUTES
ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
July 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Chairman Prokasy. Present were: Mr. Jones, Mr. Gresham and Mr. Shapiro from Oglethorpe County; Mrs. Lane, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Prokasy from Clarke County; Mr. Miller from Franklin County; Ms. Stratton, Mrs. Luke and Mr. Zimmerman from Oconee County, and Mr. Ingram from Madison County. Absent were Ms. Coutant, and two representatives from Franklin County. Attending from staff were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds and Mrs. Douglas.

The minutes of the April 19, 2007 were approved without change.

There was no public comment. The Agenda was adopted upon motion from Mrs. Stratton, second by Mr. Shapiro, and unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Mrs. Simonds presented the final quarterly budget for fiscal year 2007. The budget should be at 100% both for revenues and expenditures. Total revenue for the region was at 99.29% and total expenditures for the region were at 98.98%. Because the total budget was within the approved limits, no amendments were required.

Staff Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the staff report about Joshua's Law. The system received a grant for \$26,800 to purchase computers and components for each library. Priority will be given to students who must use the computers to access a commercial program to satisfy the classroom component of driver's education. There was discussion about monitoring the site. The library's obligation is to provide access and there is no funding to monitor use of the site other than traditional filtering and general oversight. Mrs. Stratton's concerns about possible coaching/cheating will be sent to the Joshua's Law administrators.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

Oconee County. Mrs. Stratton said The Friends of the Library have been quite active in bringing in new authors. She expressed thanks to Oglethorpe County for providing details about the Antique Roadshow program. The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education have been very positive and have increased their support of the library system. She also showed the monthly report that is sent to funding agencies that features many pictures of events.

Madison County. Mr. Ingram reported that the summer program is very good this year with high participation in all events. Minority participation has been growing as well. Mike Moak will return to the Library Board after several years. Budget preparation is underway.

Franklin County. Mr. Miller noted that one-third of the Board has rotated off leaving many vacancies. They are searching for representatives to join the Board. The budget process has been completed at this time. The libraries in Lavonia and Royston have been busy with many activities.

Athens-Clarke County. Mrs. Lane reported on two meetings in Clarke County. The first was a called meeting to deal with the building and the 2008 budget. As a result of the budget process, the Board has decided to offer an "educational event" for the Mayor and Commission with the date of September 17. This will be a 1-hour session on funding as well as services of the library. The second meeting was the scheduled quarterly meeting and concentrated on such issues as reaffirmation of the policy for reconsideration of materials. Family Fun Day, sponsored by the Friends, is coming up on August 4 and Harry Potter is scheduled for several special programs.

Oglethorpe County. Mr. Shapiro said he good news is that the board did not have to use the reserve to balance the budget and that the County Commissioner is supporting the Major Repair and Renovation grant application. Mr. Jones discussed the activities of the Friends including the very successful Antique Roadshow which earned approximately \$1000 in its second year. The program has been so successful that it will move to a larger location next year. Doris Aldrich, an author, will be speaking about a school she started in Afghanistan on Sat. July 21.

Director's Report: Mrs. Ames gave the Director's report [attached]. She urged members to register for the FOGL meeting in Decatur on Nov. 16 in Decatur where the topic will be how to advocate for additional funds from local funding agencies. She reported on the staff accident with the library's station wagon and the procedures used following accidents.

Old Business

Mr. Prokasy reported that the Director's evaluation had been completed and that he had written a letter to Mrs. Ames.

Mr. Timmons discussed the Substance Abuse Policy. Following discussion and some minor changes in wording, the policy was approved upon motion from the Committee and unanimous approval. The Board voted to delete Item 5 because it is procedural and to remove Item 6 regarding tampering with specimens since it negates due process. The Library will inquire about the lab's security procedures.

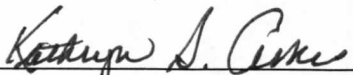
Sale of the bookmobile was approved per the proposal presented to the board in which the Society of Georgia Archeologists will pay \$900, host outreach to schools and libraries in our 5 county region and list the library as a co-sponsor of special events. Mrs. Dunn moved to accept the proposal for sale, Mr. Zimmerman seconded, and there was unanimous approval. Mr. Gresham abstained from voting.

New Business

The 2008 Regional Budget was presented for discussion. This includes state grants for personnel, materials, system services, and the Special Needs Center. Mr. Shapiro made the motion to approve the budget, second from Mrs. Lane, and unanimous approval.

The Major Repair and Renovation Grants were approved locally but needed regional validation prior to being submitted. The grants were for a new roof, carpet and paint in Royston; additional security in Athens; HVAC replacement and roof repair in Lexington; and plumbing repair in Watkinsville. Mr. Timmons made the motion to approve the grant applications, Mr. Jones seconded, and upon unanimous vote authorized Mr. Prokasy to sign the grants.

The motion to adjourn came at 5:00 PM upon motion from Mrs. Dunn and second from Mrs. Stratton.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY

AGENDA

July 19, 2007

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of April 19, 2007

Public Comment [5 minute limit]

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report—Joshua's Law Grant, Karen Douglas.

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

Director's Performance Review.

Substance Abuse Policy.

Sale of Bookmobile.

New Business.

2008 Regional Budget.

Personnel.

Materials.

System Services.

Special Needs Center.

Major Maintenance and Renovation Grants.

Royston.

Athens.

Oglethorpe.

Watkinsville.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: October 18, 2007

FOGL Workshop: November 16, 2007 in Decatur

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>% of Budget</u>
<i>Regional:</i>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Received</u>
Outreach	103,400.00	103,400.00	-	100.00%
Interest	4,000.00	4,126.33	(126.33)	103.16%
Personnel	628,121.34	628,121.34	-	100.00%
Materials	123,916.46	123,916.46	-	100.00%
System Services Grant*	158,713.50	158,713.50	-	100.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	143,439.30	-	100.00%
Totals	<u>1,161,590.60</u>	<u>1,161,716.93</u>	<u>(126.33)</u>	<u>100.01%</u>

*Includes May Enhancement of \$24,165.20

<i>Athens-Clarke County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	1,556,584.00	1,556,584.00	-	100.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	12,500.00	500.00	96.15%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	78,191.27	9,883.73	88.78%
Interest	6,000.00	2,674.26	3,325.74	44.57%
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,649,949.53</u>	<u>13,709.47</u>	<u>99.18%</u>

<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	30,000.00	27,500.00	2,500.00	91.67%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon	-	-	-	-
Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	24,375.03	5,975.97	80.31%
Bellsouth E-rate (Royston)	-	1,133.18	(1,133.18)	-
Fines and Fees	6,000.00	6,008.46	(8.46)	100.14%
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>89,016.67</u>	<u>7,334.33</u>	<u>92.39%</u>

<i>Madison County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	160,929.00	160,929.00	-	100.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	14,408.00	14,211.33	196.67	98.63%
Totals	<u>175,337.00</u>	<u>175,140.33</u>	<u>196.67</u>	<u>99.89%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i><u>Oconee County:</u></i>				
Board of Commissioners	315,429.00	315,429.00	-	100.00%
Board of Education	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	7,000.00	(1,000.00)	116.67%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	26,387.46	(887.46)	103.48%
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>391,816.46</u>	<u>(1,887.46)</u>	<u>100.48%</u>
<i><u>Oglethorpe County:</u></i>				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	46,500.00	-	100.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	500.00	(400.00)	500.00%
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Mone	8,500.00	8,828.01	(328.01)	103.86%
Meeting Room	300.00	305.00	(5.00)	101.67%
Transfer from Reserve	6,515.00	-	6,515.00	0.00%
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>72,133.01</u>	<u>5,981.99</u>	<u>92.34%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,564,981.60</u>	 <u>3,539,752.93</u>	 <u>25,228.67</u>	 <u>99.29%</u>

Athens Regional Library
FY2007
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Regional:</i>				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	8,121.65	106.35	98.71%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	7,668.82	(858.82)	112.61%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	2,134.65	1,865.35	53.37%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	0.00%
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	15,500.55	(500.55)	103.34%
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	100.00%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	1,297.00	(1,297.00)	
Mobile Telephone	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	6,245.22	754.78	89.22%
Travel	7,000.00	6,897.21	102.79	98.53%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	1,121.33	878.67	56.07%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	2,076.22	(76.22)	103.81%
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	1,795.22	624.78	74.18%
Insurance	17,142.00	19,899.08	(2,757.08)	116.08%
Supplies	22,000.00	22,001.56	(1.56)	100.01%
Personnel	628,121.34	628,121.34	-	100.00%
Materials	123,916.46	123,916.46	-	100.00%
System Services Grant*	158,713.50	158,713.50	-	100.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	143,439.30	-	100.00%
Totals	<u>1,161,590.60</u>	<u>1,160,949.11</u>	<u>641.49</u>	<u>99.94%</u>
<i>Athens-Clarke County:</i>				
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	1,399,763.00	1,349,581.23	50,181.77	96.41%
Operating Expenses	<u>219,896.00</u>	<u>258,515.10</u>	<u>(38,619.10)</u>	<u>117.56%</u>
Totals	<u>1,663,659.00</u>	<u>1,652,096.33</u>	<u>11,562.67</u>	<u>99.30%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Outreach	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	73,576.00	70,649.72	2,926.28	96.02%
Operating Expenses	<u>7,775.00</u>	<u>3,007.38</u>	<u>4,767.62</u>	<u>38.68%</u>
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>88,657.10</u>	<u>7,693.90</u>	<u>92.01%</u>
<i>Madison County:</i>				
Outreach	14,900.00	14,900.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	127,988.00	127,224.31	763.69	99.40%
Operating Expenses	<u>32,449.00</u>	<u>32,009.11</u>	<u>439.89</u>	<u>98.64%</u>
Totals	<u>175,337.00</u>	<u>174,133.42</u>	<u>1,203.58</u>	<u>99.31%</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Outreach	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	345,375.00	336,492.13	8,882.87	97.43%
Operating Expenses	<u>24,554.00</u>	<u>24,436.14</u>	<u>117.86</u>	<u>99.52%</u>
Totals	<u>389,929.00</u>	<u>380,928.27</u>	<u>9,000.73</u>	<u>97.69%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Outreach	9,500.00	9,500.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	58,854.00	55,017.42	3,836.58	93.48%
Operating Expenses	<u>9,761.00</u>	<u>7,453.52</u>	<u>2,307.48</u>	<u>76.36%</u>
Totals	<u>78,115.00</u>	<u>71,970.94</u>	<u>6,144.06</u>	<u>92.13%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,564,981.60</u>	 <u>3,528,735.17</u>	 <u>36,246.43</u>	 <u>98.98%</u>



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Robert F. Dallas
DIRECTOR

July 3, 2007

Ms. Kathryn Ames
Athens Regional Library System
2025 Baxter Street
Athens, GA 30606

PROJECT NO 2008-DE-0395-00
RE: ARLS PLDE

Dear Ms. Ames:

It is my honor to congratulate you on your application being approved in the amount of **\$26,800** State funds. The effective date of this grant is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Allowed costs incurred within this period are reimbursable at a rate of **100%** of the approved State funds which are in support of the missions of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and Georgia Department of Driver Services.

Please be sure to review the attached Grant Terms, Conditions and Certification. This document clearly identifies the required guidelines and requirements governing your grant.

A complete copy of the grant application is enclosed and maybe downloaded from www.egohs.org. After logging in, go to Application Menu, Scroll down and click on Grant PDF located on the left side of the screen. Clicking here will allow you to print the complete application.

GOHS would like to be informed of important activities or events that you have during this grant period. Please post your events to our online calendar at www.gahighwaysafety.org/calender.calender.pl. In an effort to increase partnership and provide support in reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities on Georgia's roadways, the calendar is made available to all grantees receiving funds from GOHS.

If you have any questions related to your grant, please contact your Project Manager, Gary Butler, who may be reached at 404-656-6996.

Thank you and we look forward to your partnership in helping to make Georgia's roadways safer.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Dallas
Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Greg Deal, Project Director
Gary Butler, GOHS Planner
Cindy Franklin, GOHS Finance



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Joshua's Law

**Georgia Driver Education Commission Grant Program
Administered by the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety**

What is Joshua's Law?

Effective January 1, 2007, all 16 year-olds applying for a Class D driver's license must complete an approved driver education course and complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 hours of which must be at night, with a parent or guardian's sworn verification that these requirements have been met. Any Georgia resident who has not completed an approved driver education course must be at least 17 years old to be eligible for a Class D driver's license. He or she must have completed a total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including at least 6 hours at night. The same verification in writing by a parent or guardian is required.

Mission: *The focus of this mission is to provide driver education learning opportunities (online) for high school students by establishing a grant program to reimburse public libraries for purchasing 2 computers with internet capabilities, prioritizing computer use for students, designating suitable learning locations, providing signage to the assigned locations, maintaining technical support for the equipment, announcing the program to the community, and keeping a record of computer use for driver education purposes.*

Grant Details

We were awarded \$26,800 of state funds by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Due to this grant, all branches will receive 2 new computers. Each branch will receive appropriate equipment necessary to implement this new grant at their library. New equipment may include new tables, chairs, switches, Internet drops, surge protectors and cables. The first progress report and reimbursement requests are due at the end of the first quarter. We hope to have most of the equipment in place by that time.



Joshua's Law

Online Driver's Education Program

These computers were provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to be used for the online driver's education courses.

These computers are available for all patrons, but are prioritized for high school students completing online driver's education courses in fulfillment of requirements for Senate Bill 226.

Please be aware that you may be asked to move to another computer.

Director's Report July 19, 2007

The highlight of this quarter appeared on the front page of the *Banner-Herald*! The Library was awarded the PLA Highsmith Award for Innovation in Public Library Service and the event recognition was so exciting. The award was presented at the annual American Library Association meetings held in Washington, DC on June 25, 2007. The Library was recognized for *Familia a Familia*, a family literacy program that provides cultural interaction, educational programming, and art activities for the Pinewoods and greater Athens communities. The \$2000 check will be used to purchase additional materials for the Pinewoods collection.

In conjunction with our IMLS grant for outreach to the Latino community, the Library and Lyndon House Arts Center collaborated to present an exhibit of four Mexican artists living in Georgia. Evan Firestone, art historian, developed the exhibit which is currently running at the Arts Center. A catalog of the artists work is being printed and will be distributed through the Lyndon House.

We have been invited to submit a grant for a project sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers Foundation. On reflection, we decided to partner with the Cooperative Extension Service to develop a pilot program that could be replicated across Georgia. In most counties, there are libraries and extension agents and we would propose that once the pilot has been evaluated and tweaked, that we offer the program statewide. Because we were invited to submit a grant, we believe we have a great opportunity to present programs that will come from trusted sources of information [libraries and extension offices] in an unbiased way. The State Library has already agreed to help disseminate information and to provide help planning the training program.

In other grant news, Tammy Gerson has been awarded a second grant from the American Library Association to present a series of 5 programs on Jewish Literature. Greg Deal and Karen Douglas authored the proposal to provide access to driver's education sites at all libraries. Each library will receive 2 computers, switches, cabling, computer furniture and chairs, and other components. When not in use by driver's ed students, the computers will be available to all. Students will be encouraged to make reservations to use the system. Trudi Green, reference head, has been selected to participate in the State's Pinnacle Program which trains leadership in libraries.

New staff include Carrie Mumah who is our new public relations specialist replacing Stacey Overstreet who has moved to South Carolina. Carrie is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is completing her Master's Degree this summer. She served as our intern last year.

Donna Brumby begins August 1 as the new Extension Librarian. Donna is currently with the Gwinnett County Library System and served as a branch manager in Andrews, NC. She also owned a bookstore in Andrews.

Kim James who has been serving as our outreach facilitator adds responsibility for East Athens Community Center. She will work mornings with homebound delivery service and afternoons in East Athens. Kim recently began selecting books for people who receive Meals on Wheels.

The Library received a "windfall" grant, actually a supplement to the System Services Grant at year's end, which resulted in each library getting \$1308 to spend as needed for their facility. While most focused on upgrades to their computers, other purchases included printers, surge protectors, shelving, optical mice, digital cameras, software, copier, portable sound system for large group use, storytelling carpet, bean bag chairs, art materials and picnic tables. Because the funds arrived so late in the fiscal year, we did not purchase library materials this year. However, in FY2007, we allocated funds specifically for the purchase of DVDs for each library. These have been very popular additions and we will allocated funds for this again in 2008.

The Athens building project is coming along. All areas of the interior have now been reviewed and drawings approved. The Mayor and Commission have tentatively approved the building design. The building will meet LEED [energy efficiency] standards which should help reduce operating expenses. The next meeting will be on June 25 to talk about the exterior design. The Site Application to the State has been submitted. Local civil engineer, Pat Mahoney, worked on the various requirements for zoning, parking, and green spaces. The next form due is the Financial Application which Ken Crellen [SPLOST Manager] is working on. It details how the funds will be spent on construction and other expenditures. Regional Board approval will be required in October prior to the final package being submitted to the Board of Regents and then on to the Legislature for funding in the FY09 budget.

As you know, the Governor vetoed 5 of the 7 construction projects approved by the Legislature. Under the process, those 5 projects will be at the top of the funding list in the FY09 budget package. Athens will be 1 of 2 regional headquarters to be at the top of the funding list. Our hope is that with a healthy budget surplus, the Governor and Legislature will agree to fund the vetoed projects and 5 new projects as well.

Among my current activities:

- PINNACLE is a training program for emerging leaders in Georgia libraries. Trudi Green has been selected as one of the initial class of 20 librarians. I'm serving as a mentor [old age has its benefits!] and am one of the steering committee members.
- GPLS Planning Committee. This is a group of 12 people representing libraries of all types across the state evaluating where the state library is and where it should focus attention in the future.
- RPLAC. This is the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee consisting of 12 librarians elected to represent 4 different sizes of libraries. We are working on ensuring equitability of service and funding. The group is meeting on Friday to discuss the proposed budget for library support including the formula for

materials and system services, construction priorities, and other capital improvements.

One of the other issues is the funding of libraries by Boards of Education. We have obtained an attorney's opinion that it is entirely legal for the BOE to support public libraries. This has been in contention in several counties where funding has been withdrawn. Columbus/Muscogee County is entirely funded by the Board of Education—at over \$3 million annually. In most jurisdictions, the level of support is well below this, but this funding is essential to the library's survival in many locations. We hope to help Dr. Veatch craft a policy statement reinforcing this point of view.

- Guadalajara Book Festival. I have just received notification that I am one of 150 librarians invited to attend this festival with expenses being covered by a grant from the American Library Association. It will be held in late November. Time to start working on my Spanish again!

The Friends groups in our counties are gearing up for the fall. Most Friends of the Library groups are planning a Family Fun Day coinciding with the opening of school and have several special events planned. The Friends are an essential support group for all of our libraries—they provide funds to sponsor special programs [including many of the summer programs], author visits, book collections, and a myriad other purchases.

Staff Development Day will be September 27. Our focus for this year will be Library 2.0; the day will focus on new technologies and software programs. Our staff has had to learn many new skills over the years and this will further those skills. We hope to include a hands-on opportunity to investigate several new on-line services and to encourage participation in such things as wikis, blogs, RSS, and Galileo. It is often not possible for staff to take the time to use these during the daily routine, and it's important that staff become aware of them. We will also have a rousing presentation from a university professor who specializes in change and innovation.

Please do consider attending the Friends of Georgia Libraries event on November 16 in Decatur. Stephanie Vance who is a consultant in the field of advocacy will be speaking and involving the audience on the topic of building a strong case for support from local funding agencies.

Regional Proposed Budget FY2008

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Revenue:	FY2007	FY2008
<u>Regional:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Outreach	103,400.00	103,400.00
Interest	4,000.00	4,000.00
Personnel	628,121.34	637,543.16
Materials	123,916.46	124,761.19
System Services Grant*	158,713.50	135,015.16
Special Needs Center	143,439.30	145,122.00
Totals	<u>1,161,590.60</u>	<u>1,149,841.51</u>

*Includes May Enhancement of \$24,165.20

Expenditures:	FY2007	FY2008
<u>Regional:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	8,515.98
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	6,810.00
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	4,000.00
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	1,500.00
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	15,000.00
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	12,000.00
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	
Postage	7,000.00	7,000.00
Travel	7,000.00	7,012.02
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	2,000.00
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	2,420.00
Insurance	17,142.00	17,142.00
Supplies	22,000.00	22,000.00
Personnel	628,121.34	637,543.16
Materials	123,916.46	124,761.19
System Services Grant*	158,713.50	135,015.16
Special Needs Center	143,439.30	145,122.00
Totals	<u>1,161,590.60</u>	<u>1,149,841.51</u>

Revenue Over (under) expenditures - -

SYSTEM SERVICES GRANT FY2008

System Services Grant Budget Proposal FY2008

Revenues

2008

System Services Grant	<u>135,015.16</u>
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Expenditures

System Services Grant Salaries	99,743.65
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Benefits	33,271.51
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Travel	<u>2,000.00</u>
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Total	<u><u>135,015.16</u></u>
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Revenues over (under) Expenditures	-
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Special Needs Center FY2008 Proposed Budget

Revenues	FY2007	FY2008
State Grant Special Needs Center	<u>143,439.00</u>	<u>145,122.00</u>

Expenditures

Salaries	90,011.25	93,161.65
Benefits	30,288.79	32,514.35
Travel	1,500.00	1,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Electricity	10,500.00	10,500.00
Postage	1,446.00	446.00
Telephone	2,000.00	2,000.00
Materials	2,192.96	-
Equipment repair and maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Computer supplies	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>143,439.00</u>	<u>145,122.00</u>

Over (Under)	-	-
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State Materials Grant and State Materials Enhancement Proposed Budget FY2008

	FY2007	FY2008
Regional Base Enhancement	14,000.00	14,000.00
Athens-Clarke County	17,903.91	17,803.44
Franklin County	3,901.65	3,895.81
Madison County	5,140.62	5,142.39
Oconee County	5,411.76	5,437.11
Oglethorpe County	2,537.02	2,540.44
TOTAL	48,894.96	48,819.19

Regional Base	6,600.00	6,600.00
Athens-Clarke County	35,105.70	35,455.35
Franklin County	7,650.30	7,758.45
Madison County	10,079.30	10,241.00
Oconee County	10,611.30	10,827.95
Oglethorpe County	4,974.55	5,059.25
TOTAL	75,021.15	75,942.00

TOTAL FY2008 MATERIALS BUDGET

124,761.19

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FOGL

Friends of Georgia Libraries
presents

"Grassroots Advocacy: Shaking the Money Tree"

featuring **Stephanie D. Vance**, "The Advocacy Guru"
Advocacy Associates, LLC

About the program:

Learn how to influence local government agencies to adequately fund your library. Advocacy Associates believes advocacy can be fun! The workshop will be highly interactive with plenty of opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions. Stephanie's style is warm, inviting, humorous and approachable, and appropriate for those ranging in expertise from "experienced old-hands" to novices.

Date: Friday, November 16, 2007
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Decatur Library Auditorium, 215 Sycamore Street
Directions: <http://www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/deca.htm>
Registration Fee: \$30 for FOGL members
\$40 for non-members (includes membership for 2008)

About the Speaker:

Stephanie D. Vance, author of *Government by the People: How to Communicate with Congress* and the fabjob.com guide, *Get a Job on Capitol Hill*, has 15 years of experience in Congressional affairs. She has worked in a prominent DC law firm, lobbied for National Public Radio and worked in various Congressional offices, holding positions as Legislative Director and Staff Director. Her work on congressional communications stems from a deep and abiding belief that government is effective only when citizens are active participants.

Stephanie holds a Masters Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and was a 1999 German Marshall Fund Fellow. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Women."

See for yourself! For more information about Stephanie, see <http://www.advocacyguru.com/>, which includes video clips of some of Stephanie's training sessions!

You're Also Invited...

...to a networking event and welcome reception for Stephanie Vance:

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2006
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday night, November 15, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur. Please call 404-371-0204 or 800-972-2404 and mention "Friends of Georgia Libraries" or FOGL to reserve a room.

For a registration form, go to www.georgia-friends.org.

"Grassroots Advocacy: Shaking the Money Tree"

Registration Form

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____ (w): _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Name of your local Friends of the Library group: _____

Are you representing your Friends Group as a designated member? ☐ yes ☐ no

Will Attend:

☐ Wine & Cheese Reception—Thursday, November 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

☐ Dutch treat dinner in Decatur following Reception

☐ Workshop—Friday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration Fee includes a box lunch on Friday. Please check one:

☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other Dietary Needs: _____

Registration Fee for Reception and Workshop enclosed:

☐ Individual Member or Designated Member from a Group \$30

☐ Non-members \$40 (includes membership in FOGL for 2008)

☐ Additional Donation to FOGL: \$ _____

Complete and return with payment **by November 9** to:

FOGL
c/o Wally Eberhard, Treasurer
180 Orchard Creek Drive
Athens, GA 30606-3196

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UNIQUE Management Services, Inc.

Library Division

July 9, 2007

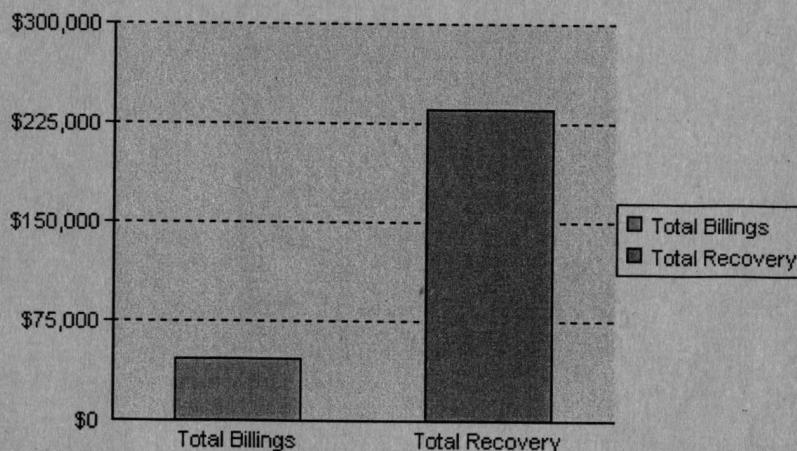
Ms. Kathryn S. Ames
Athens Regional Library System
2025 Baxter St
Athens, GA 30606

Dear Ms. Kathryn S. Ames:

Unique Management Services, Inc. (UMS) has provided a quality material recovery service for the **Athens Regional Library System** since **March 2004**. As of **June 2007**, the library has submitted **3,642** accounts for collection.

The financial result for your library has been the total recovery of **\$235,429.58** in materials, cash received, amounts waived. This does not include amounts still to be recovered from patrons who will respond to our continued contacts.

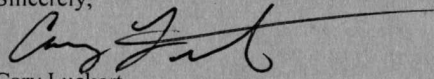
When considering the value of our recoveries described above compared to the amount UMS has billed the library, our service has given the library a return of **\$5.00** for each **\$1.00** invested. This **5:1** ratio shows a powerful return on the library's investment, one that we are pleased to report.



It should also be noted that we have demonstrated that we can maintain patron goodwill while producing these results. In addition, with our strategic partnerships and strong working relationships with ILS vendors, UMS can ensure all data is transferred and processed electronically to eliminate paperwork and minimize library staff time.

Unique Management Services, Inc. strives to provide thorough and useful recovery information on a regular basis. In addition to our monthly reports, many of our clients have expressed a desire to see our results compared to cost. Please keep in mind that this letter is an overview of your historical recovery. If you should require results for a specific time period, please do not hesitate to contact your customer service representative. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Athens Regional Library System and its patrons.

Sincerely,


Cary Luckert
Customer Service Specialist

cc: Ms. MaryAnne Driver

UNIQUE *Management Services, Inc.*

Cumulative Recovery:

Athens Regional Library System

Accounts Submitted: 3,642

Dollars Submitted: \$656,994.09

Cash Recovery: \$190,169.94

Material Recovery: \$34,988.00

Waives: \$10,271.64

Recovery Total: \$235,429.58

Total Invoice Amount: \$47,062.64

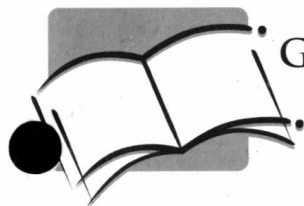
Total ROI: 5:1

Asset ROI: 5:1

Please note, for the purposes of these reports the term 'Asset' will refer to the recovery of Materials and Cash.

SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	4,415	4,032	6,702	7,234	7,735	8,100	6,359	7,375
August	3,636	4,246	6,694	7,821	7,721	7,288	8,048	7,704
September	3,701	5,857	4,578	8,147	7,870	6,541	8,407	6,510
October	3,831	7,075	6,414	6,886	6,619	6,326	4,617	6,769
November	3,940	6,850	7,362	7,226	8,369	7,256	4,933	7,567
December	3,067	6,212	8,102	6,988	8,070	7,377	4,369	5,911
January	3,535	6,911	7,348	8,707	7,677	6,041	4,719	6,874
February	3,537	5,797	7,055	7,661	7,693	6,179	6,625	6,250
March	4,352	6,735	7,720	7,292	9,202	8,248	6,472	7,986
April	3,512	6,548	8,102	7,962	7,701	6,168	6,162	6,828
May	4,311	6,332	6,748	7,996	6,781	6,344	7,013	7,963
June	4,492	6,508	6,423	9,014	7,336	6,564	8,528	7,709
TOTALS	42,632	73,103	83,248	92,934	92,774	82,432	76,252	85,446



GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

news

A newsletter for friends and employees of Georgia's public libraries

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Good news for libraries in '08 budget

The Georgia Legislature has approved a \$20.2 billion spending plan for fiscal year 2008 that contains plenty of good news for the state's public libraries.

The budget requires **Gov. Sonny Perdue's** final approval before becoming official, but it contains \$12 million worth of public library construction projects, along with \$2 million for the purchase of new library books across the state.

The FY08 budget's capital package includes:

- \$1,545,000 for construction of the West Georgia Regional Library System's North Paulding Public Library
- \$1,035,000 for construction of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System's Jasper County Public Library
- \$2,000,000 for construction of the Porter Memorial Branch Library, which will be the second facility in the Newton County Public Library System
- \$2,000,000 for construction of the West Georgia Regional Library System's Fairplay Public Library

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GPLS establishes leadership institute for state's librarians

To ensure the future of high-quality library leadership across the state, Georgia Public Library Service has established PINNACLE, the Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education.

Attendees must hold a master of library science, a master of science in library science or a master of library and information science degree; be currently employed in a public library in Georgia; and have at least two years of professional library experience.

The application process is currently underway, and the inaugural class of up to 20 attendees will be announced in late June. It begins with a one-week retreat in November and will include eight monthly two-day sessions, culminating at the fall 2008 convention of the Georgia Council of Media Organizations.

PINNACLE's steering committee members include **David Singleton**, deputy state librarian; **Lyn Hopper**, assistant state librarian for library development; **Julie Walker**, assistant state librarian for technology services; **Kathryn Ames**, director of the Athens Regional Library System; and **Greg Heid**, director of the Newton County Library System.



Ames



Heid

"We want to be state-of-the-art smart," Heid explained. "Other government agencies have established institutes to grow their future leaders, so it's only natural for libraries to do the same. We designed the institute's yearlong curriculum to provide a unique and comprehensive training opportunity for the next generation of public library leaders in Georgia. It's our obligation as directors and leaders to pass along the knowledge and experience that will help new librarians become community leaders and provide the best possible public library services."

PINNACLE
INSTITUTE 2007-2008

Session topics at PINNACLE 2007-2008 will include situational leadership, time management, analytical and creative problem solving, financial management and performance measures, human resource management and administrative law, managing conflict and group dynamics, ethics,

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GPLS to participate at ALA's Library Day on Capitol Hill

Georgia Public Library Service has been invited to participate at the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Day on the Hill, part of the organization's Annual Conference, to be held in June in Washington, D.C.

The GPLS exhibit, which will focus on Evergreen, the open-source integrated library system that the agency developed, will provide ALA and GPLS an opportunity to demonstrate the value of libraries to the members of Congress.

The exhibit will be in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building from noon until 5:00 p.m. on June 26. It will be open to the public and admission is free. ■

Budget

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- \$1,600,000 for construction of the Okefenokee Regional Library System's Pierce County Library
- \$2,000,000 for the expansion and renovation of the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, headquarters of the Conyers-Rockdale Library System; and
- \$1,895,000 for construction of the Senoia Public Library and the Grantville Public Library, both of which will be part of the Coweta County Library System following its separation from the Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library later this year.

Gov. Perdue included \$2 million for libraries in his budget last year in what was intended to be a one-time

expense, but he added it again this year with the intent of making it a continuing annual budget amount. Both House and Senate approved the measure.

"This show of support from the Legislature and the governor is great news for public libraries in Georgia," said State Librarian **Dr. Lamar Veatch**. "It is proof that our elected officials recognize and intend to meet our citizens' increasing needs for more and better library services." ■

Institute

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power, best practices, process improvement, project coaching, media relations, leadership in a political environment, and effective presentations. One session will include training in the Public Library Association's planning model, "Planning for Results," which provides an acclaimed results-driven approach to meeting community needs and developing means to anticipate future demands.

The PINNACLE steering committee worked with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIG), a public service and outreach unit of the University of Georgia, to design the curriculum, and CVIG will lead the sessions.

"We believe the Carl Vinson Institute has an excellent track record of leadership programs for state and local governments, and its staff has worked with us to balance general leadership skills with specific skills needed in the library environment," Singleton said.

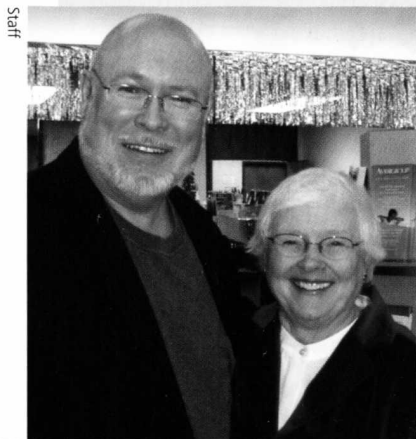
"GPLS is also exploring ways to conduct Web-based training on these and similar topics in the future." ■

Michelle Neumann McUmber



Lucky stars

Georgia's library community fondly celebrated the long and distinguished careers of three of its brightest stars this spring, as Susan Roberts, Diana Ray Tope and Liza Newsom became retirees. Roberts (top left), former director of Library Grants, Research & Planning for GPLS, shares a laugh with another retiree, Tom Ploeg, who retired in 2005 as director of construction for GPLS. Tope (lower left), former director of the Cherokee Regional Library System in LaFayette, gets a good luck hug from Joe Forsee, director of the Dalton-based Northwest Regional Library System. Newsom (above, center), former director of the South Georgia Regional Library System in Valdosta, is flanked by a number of friends, trustees and other well-wishers at a recent retirement party thrown in her honor.



● Annual GOLD/GALILEO users conference set for August 3

The theme of this year's GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference is "Library Collaboration 2.0: It's All About the Joy of Use." The conference will take place Friday, Aug. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel in Athens.

According to **Toni Zimmerman**, Resource Sharing & Interlibrary Cooperation

director for GPLS, the annual one-day event draws librarians, paraprofessionals and technical staff from academic libraries, public libraries, schools, technical colleges and special libraries throughout Georgia and the Southeast.

The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for continuing education and professional development related to the use of Georgia's interlibrary lending and resource sharing network, GOLD, and the statewide virtual library, GALILEO. The conference will showcase new collaborative trends in library resources and highlight current partnerships.

This year's keynote speaker is **Diane Kresh**, director of Arlington County Public Library in Arlington, Va. "Diane plans to share her forward-thinking vision for libraries and the consortia that serve them," Zimmerman said. "She believes that libraries can be Lib 2.0 catalysts

for creativity and joyful change by responding to the ever-evolving needs of our users. It's our goal to convince librarians of the value of change and simultaneously

convince the public of the value of libraries. We just need to go where our users are, build new audiences and have fun in the process."

The conference will include three sets of concurrent sessions plus a GALILEO training showcase.

Sessions will feature presentations demonstrating how dynamic Georgia libraries are using creative collaborations, emerging technologies and highly adaptive communication styles, tools and trends to meet the multifaceted needs of information seekers.



Zimmerman

"Libraries seek to be central to the personal learning landscape of our users," Zimmerman said, "and now — happily — the participatory and social nature of Web 2.0 innovations has made that mission possible in both our virtual and physical spaces. This year's conference theme celebrates the delight and power this partnership has enabled and our joy in sharing it with each other."

Links to registration materials and hotel information will be available soon at www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold.html. ■



Hawks, Thrashers to sponsor third reading challenge

In partnership with GPLS, the Atlanta Spirit is challenging young readers to spend more of their free time reading this summer. Atlanta Spirit is the umbrella organization composed of the National Hockey League's Thrashers, the National Basketball Association's Hawks and Philips Arena.

Designed to enhance this year's "Reading Takes You Everywhere" vacation reading program, the 2007 Thrashers-Hawks Check-It-Out Reading

Challenge will target young readers entering classes from pre-K to grade 12, allowing participants to earn sports-related rewards by reading.

Team mascots **Thrash** and **SkyHawk** will make appearances at libraries to promote the program. Each team will also sponsor "Georgia Public Libraries" nights with discounted admission for public library employees, friends and families. At the end of the 2006 program, Atlanta Spirit

awarded vouchers good for approximately 20,000 Hawks and Thrashers tickets to those who participated.

This year's program will include eight public library systems in metropolitan Atlanta. Rules are now available at public libraries in Cherokee, Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gilmer, Henry, Newton, Pickens and Rockdale counties and online at www.checkitoutreading.com. The 2007 program runs from June 4 through July 27. ■

Four of five use PINES weekly, nine of 10 would recommend

Georgia library patrons are using the PINES service more frequently than ever before. Based on data from the 2007 PINES User Satisfaction Survey, better than four out of five respondents (81.7 percent) now use the PINES catalog at least weekly to renew books online, place holds on books, determine fines or see what items they have checked out.

According to PINES Program Director **Elizabeth McKinney de Garcia**, this is a dramatic increase from 2006, when 62.2 percent of respondents indicated similar use.

"It's thrilling to see that so many library users throughout Georgia appreciate the PINES system and the convenience of using their card at any member library," said Garcia. "The response is especially gratifying, because this is the first survey following the September introduction of our new Evergreen software and our new, Web-based catalog.



The Public Library Services Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Education will begin implementation of its own Evergreen-powered system based on Georgia's PINES model later this year. To help ensure a smooth start up to the nicknamed "Northern PINES," a Canadian fact-finding contingent visited GPLS employees in Atlanta in April. From left: G.W. Brian Owen, associate university librarian at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.; Fabien Tiburce, technical architect with BiblioCommons, a Toronto-based initiative that is developing Web services to integrate with libraries' OPAC and circulation systems; Elizabeth McKinney de Garcia, PINES program director; Julie Walker, assistant state librarian for technology services; Ben Hyman, manager of policy and technology for Public Library Services Branch BC; Evergreen design team members Jason Etheridge and Brad LaJeunesse; Katherine Gregory, PINES services specialist; and Brandon Uhlman, systems consultant for Public Library Services Branch BC.

"We believe Evergreen contributed to the increased level of overall satisfaction with the PINES system. Many comments from this year's surveys indicate that users are especially impressed by its intuitive search interface and with the enhanced user services it brings."

A statewide consortium of 265

public libraries in 131 counties, the Public Information Network for Electronic Services – PINES, for short – offers Georgia citizens a shared catalog of more than 8 million items, with a single library card that is welcomed in all member libraries. GPLS completed the fourth annual user satisfaction survey in April.

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GPLS to partner with Canadian university for Evergreen module

GPLS has partnered with the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, in the development of an acquisitions module for Evergreen, the open-source integrated library system introduced in Georgia last September. An acquisitions module will help libraries order materials and track the progress of those orders. The partnership gives Evergreen its first formal international association.

GPLS recently held a series of focus groups in Rome, Athens, Dublin and Albany, gathering individuals from across the library world to discuss acquisitions. While PINES libraries were well-represented in these sessions, acquisitions and technology specialists from non-PINES libraries and many academic libraries also attended,

including representatives from Canada, said **Julie Walker**, assistant state librarian for technology services.

Staff members from Windsor and Atlanta already have begun work on technical specifications for the module. **Art Rhyno**, systems librarian at the university's Leddy Library, leads the Canadian team.

"PINES staff members took detailed notes as participants discussed the acquisitions process and possible software design," said Walker. "It's exciting for us all to participate in the continuing evolution of Evergreen." The Evergreen-powered Web-based PINES catalog is available at www.gapines.org. ■

● AAS program to help meet need for Georgia librarians

With the goal of providing an educated work force for libraries and information centers, Georgia Perimeter College is now offering an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program in Library and Information Science Technology (LIST).

The program provides vigorous preparation for those interested in careers as paraprofessionals to work in library and information centers without undertaking the rigors and expenses of the full graduate-degree programs required of librarians. In addition to the AAS degree, a certificate track is available for currently employed library paraprofessional staff members who want to sharpen their skills or for those who wish to take only library technology courses.

According to Deputy State Librarian **David Singleton**, the program will help meet increased needs for a trained and educated work force to serve both the metropolitan and rural libraries and information centers across the state.

"I'm excited about the program and how it will help us mold future librarians for Georgia," he said. "Library employees come from a variety of educational backgrounds, and this program helps ensure that many more staff have access to formal education to improve their library skills. This, in turn, improves library services across the state in the long term."

"Paraprofessionals are being called upon to assume more sophisticated and responsible duties in today's libraries," said **Dan Veach**, head of technical services at the Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center and part-time LIST faculty member. "The program offers students not only the most basic skills but also the kind of balanced

overview of the profession required for full participation in today's fast-changing information environment."

The AAS curriculum combines the University System of Georgia's core curriculum with a broad-based blend of technology and business offerings. The design of the LIST curriculum also conforms to the Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants (1998), a document that has been accepted by the Committee on Education of the American Library Association.

"The students we have are extremely motivated and have unearthed discoveries in library history and practice that are often overlooked in many aspects of library education," explained **Dr. Stephen Koplan**, LIST program curriculum coordinator. "Some of their research projects include the place of the graphic novel in the modern library, the censorship of

seemingly innocent children's literature and the Library of Congress as an archive of oral histories of ordinary Americans' everyday life experiences."

Special characteristics of the curriculum include internships with local libraries, which will serve to develop practical skill applications in a work environment. One program participant, **Vanessa Turner**, recently worked as an intern with GPLS.

"She learned copy cataloging, interlibrary loans and PINES holds, so she gained real-world experience in how Georgia's libraries operate," said **Elaine Hardy**, library services manager for collections and reference.

LIST classes are currently only offered at the Dunwoody campus. However, as enrollment increases, class locations will expand to other campuses. LIST also will be offered through distance education. ■

PINES

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Users entering the online catalog between March 27 and April 2 could complete the survey, and more than 1,000 did so.

In addition to increased use, 2007 results showed a higher degree of satisfaction than the already impressive figures from years past. An average of 82.5 percent of respondents – up from 77 percent in 2006 – agreed or strongly agreed with these statements:

- It is easy to use the PINES online catalog;
- I typically find what I am looking for using the PINES online catalog;
- It is easy to determine if my library owns a particular item;

- If my local library does not have an item I need, it is easy to find and obtain the item through the PINES system; and
- It is easy to renew my materials through the PINES online catalog.

Approximately 90 percent of 2007 respondents – up from 85 percent in 2006 – said they would recommend the PINES system to friends. Nearly as many (88.3 percent) agreed with the statement, "I am satisfied with the PINES Statewide Library Card system."

This year's survey was coordinated by PINES Services Specialist **Katherine Gregory**, with technical assistance from GPLS Webmaster **Darin Givens**. ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

David Charles "Chuck" Gibson

has been appointed director of the South Georgia Regional Library System, based in Valdosta. Most recently associate director of public services for the Worthington Libraries in Worthington and Columbus, Ohio, he is a past winner of the MCI Ohio Librarian of the Year Award.

Elizabeth McKinney de Garcia

has been named PINES director. She joined GPLS in 2001 and previously served as PINES program manager.

Blake Weinberger

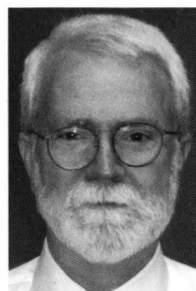


What she really wants to do is direct...

Wendy Weinberger (right), director of the Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System, became a director of a different sort in April, putting actors — herself included — through their paces in a community theater production of "Cheaper by the Dozen." The 1920s-set comedy, performed by the Averitt Stars at the Averitt Center for the Arts in Statesboro, also featured Lois Roberts (left), director of the Statesboro Regional Library System. Weinberger portrayed Miss Brill, the stern teacher, while Roberts portrayed Mrs. Fitzgerald, the housekeeper.

Bill Shea

has joined GPLS as business manager. He most recently served as administrative operations director at the Georgia Department of Human Resources' Public Health Laboratory in Atlanta.



Shea

Elaine Black

has joined GPLS as director of Children's Services. She most recently served as events and outreach manager for the Gwinnett County Public Library, based in Lawrenceville.



Black

Katharine "Kitti" McKean

has been named manager of the new Auburn Public Library, part of the Piedmont Regional Library. She was previously extension services coordinator for the system.

Scott Routsong

is the new youth services coordinator for the Tifton-based Coastal Plain Regional Library. He will replace Kathy Griffis, who has been named assistant director for branch services. Max Johnson has also joined the system as cataloging coordinator.

Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.

and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia formally recognized the accomplishments of Nancy Tillinghast, director of the Thomas County Public Library System in Thomasville, who recently received a New York Times Librarian of the Year Award.

The Hall County Library System has received the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Business Beautification Award. In addition, Ronda Sanders, a staff member at the Hall County Library, recently won one of three grants from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board.

The Sale City Library in Mitchell County has joined the Camilla-based DeSoto Trail Regional Library. DeSoto Trail has also established the C.M. Stripling Southern History and Civil War Collection. Composed of more than 250 books and 20 videos, the materials are available for loan statewide through PINES. The collection was assembled by the late C.M. Stripling, whose family donated the collection to DeSoto Trail in March.

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners invited Tracy Walker, youth services specialist at the Dawson County Library, to tell her original story *The Best Fish Catcher in Appalachia* at a board meeting in April. Walker's tale is one of five stories included in the 2007 Vacation Reading Program. ■

Janet Florence



Prime Time support

Wal-Mart donated \$1,000 to the Chamblee Library to support its Prime Time: Family Time Reading program, which targets Spanish-speaking families. From left are Sharon Deeds, youth services coordinator at DeKalb County Public Library; Ev Shepherd, youth services librarian at the Chamblee Library; and Marquita Brown, assistant manager of the Chamblee Wal-Mart.

Center for the Book earns kudos

The Georgia Center for the Book is becoming a center of attention. In May, it was named one of five recipients nationwide of the prestigious Boorstin Award. Presented by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, the honor comes to Georgia's center in recognition of its success as co-founder and sponsor of the new *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Decatur Book Festival and the "All Georgia Reads" project.

The center was also lauded for its extensive, successful program of statewide author presentations. Funds for these awards were donated to the national Center for the Book by **Ruth F. Boorstin**, wife of former Librarian of Congress **Daniel J. Boorstin** (1975-1987).

"The recognition is wonderful, of course," said **Bill Starr**, executive director of the Georgia Center for the Book. "I'm particularly pleased, because honors from our colleagues acknowledge what we think is at the core of our mission: helping to encourage writing skills among young readers, taking Georgia's rich literary heritage into all parts of the state, and bringing the finest writers in America and the world to Georgia audiences."

Georgia's Center for the Book also has a national winner in this year's Letters About Literature competition, Starr noted. A reading-writing contest that is also sponsored by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, Letters About Literature encourages students to write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre — fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic — explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. Sixth-grader **Katja Saana Sinikka Martin** of Alpharetta, who wrote her prize-winning letter to the late poet **Robert Frost**, is one of only six national winners among more than 56,000 participants. Martin and other statewide competition winners were honored at an awards ceremony May 19 at the Decatur Library.

A member of the Georgia Center for the Book Advisory Council, **Dr. Thomas L. McHaney** of Decatur, was also honored in May. McHaney received a 2007 Governor's Award in the Humanities from the Georgia Humanities Council and **Gov. Sonny Perdue**. A scholar of Southern literature and award-winning author, he is a professor at Georgia State University.

"Members of our Advisory Council devote a lot of unpaid time and energy to help us accomplish our goals," said Starr, "as does **Darro Willey**, the director of our host organization, the DeKalb County Public Library." ■

Fulton County Office of Community Relations



In honor of Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Volunteer Appreciation Day, volunteers presented the county's board with an \$805,315 "check" representing the value of donated service to the library system and the citizens it serves. Front row (from left): Commissioner Lynne Riley, Rachael McCord, Margaret Roach, Karen Purcell, Marcy Meyers, Lillian Mandyck, Linda Brooks-Cooper, Commissioner John Eaves and Sharon Iver. Back row (from left): Library Director John Szabo, Commissioner William "Bill" Edwards, Commissioner Robb Pitts and Commissioner Emma Darnell.

Atlanta-Fulton system honors volunteers

The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System (AFPL) honored its helpers and supporters during its 17th Annual Library Volunteer Recognition Program, held April 21. Volunteers received recognition for outstanding hours, longevity of service and specific contributions.

More than 1,600 volunteers and 22 Friends of the Library groups donated approximately 48,000 hours of service throughout the AFPL system in 2006.

The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County later proclaimed May 2 "Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Volunteer Appreciation Day." ■

Noted author returns to scene of crimes

Ann Rule, one of the foremost true-crime writers in America, will autograph and speak about her newest book, *Too Late To Say Goodbye: A True Story of Murder and Betrayal*, June 8 at the Mary Willis Library in Washington. The book tells the true story of **Dr. Barton Corbin**, a Georgia dentist, and the deaths of two women in his life — **Dolly Hearn**, a fellow dental student — and **Jennifer Corbin**, his wife.

Rule's appearance at the library is of particular significance because Dolly Hearn was the daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Hearn**, the latter of whom is a former member of the library's board. Rule interviewed virtually everyone related to the story — the victims' families, investigators, prosecutors and other sources from Georgia to Australia — to uncover the truth behind the sensational crimes. ■

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Staff



Designs on the future

GPLS sponsored a Libris Design class March 26 and 27 at Georgia Virtual Technical College in Covington. Libris Design is a Microsoft Access database that library staff can use to create library building programs, prepare furniture and equipment cost estimates, plan renovations and produce budgets for library construction projects. Front row, from left, are: Alan Harkness, Pat Barker, Leslie Partridge, Libris trainer Richard Hall of the California State Library, Stella Cone, Erik Lewis, Jean Turn, Mark Cole, Catherine Vanstone, Anne Isbell, Carrie Zeiger and Claudia Gibson. Back row, from left, are Nancy Tillinghast, Gilda Stanbery-Cotney, Dana Peeler, Jennifer Durham, Nathan Rall, Susan Stephens, Charles Gee, Judy Golden, Nick Fogarty, Linda Demmers of Libris Design and Marsha Christy.



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J. Atwood	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	75,997.50
C. Auwarter /T. Green	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,239.53	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	6,426.72	75,997.50
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J. Elsner	5,477.19	5,477.19	5,477.19	5,477.19	5,477.19	5,477.19	5,641.51	5,641.51	5,641.51	5,641.51	5,641.51	5,641.51	66,712.20
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K. Ames	7,080.83	14,141.81		97,524.63
J. Atwood	7,052.57	14,085.38	1,101.96	98,237.40
C. Auwarter /T. Green	7,052.57	14,085.38		97,135.44
L. Carter	6,996.05	13,972.50	1,093.13	97,450.19
J. Elsner	6,190.89	12,364.44	967.33	86,234.85
H. Bowden	5,184.73	10,354.93	810.11	72,219.67
Hartel	5,665.58	11,315.29	885.25	78,917.62
TOTAL	45,223.21	90,319.72	4,857.78	627,719.80

**ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
October 9, 2007 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Chairman, Ms. Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Kauderer, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Mr. Prokasy, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Timmons. Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Eberhard and Ms. Williams were excused. Ms. Bogue was absent. Also present were David Moore, Architect, and Ken Crellen, Project Manager. Staff members present were Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of July 10, 2007 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion and second from Mr. Kauderer and Mr. Timmons.

The Financial Report was presented for information purposes. It is a bit different from the draft which was emailed. Most expenditures are at 25% except for Equipment Repair which was adjusted as a couple of items were charged in error. Also, Equipment Purchased reflects the reader-printer which COGS bought for the Heritage Room. The Library Store has been added to show their revenues and expenditures. Passport revenues are seasonal but should hit \$100,000 *this quarter. Since we began this project, Oct, 2005.*

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Ms. Dunn and Mr. Mokler and there was no public comment.

David Moore presented the grant submittal which has been ^{compiled} ~~compiled~~ to meet the requirements from GPLS. He took the board through each section of the submittal and answered questions as they arose. The Athens-Clarke County Library project will be on the list of libraries asking for state construction monies in the coming budget year. Until, or if, that passes, no further work will be done. Phase II, the construction documents, would begin, at the earliest, in July of next year.

Ken Crellen noted that several members of Athens-Clarke County staff had met with a member of the Board of Education about joint use of the soccer parking to the south of the building. This issue will formally be addressed at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, but at this time, there seem to be no problems about sharing the space.

Committee Reports followed

1. Friends of the Library – Ms. Kohl encouraged board members to attend Café au Libris this Friday night. Four great authors are featured and the event is free.
2. Ad Hoc Planning Committee – Ms. Lane recognized several board members for their efforts to make the event for the Mayor and Commission a success. The turnout was good and everyone seemed to gather important and perhaps new information from the event.
3. Winterville – Ms. Reynolds reported that Lizz Bernstein is very creative in serving the patrons at Winterville. She has reinstituted bedtime story time on Thursday nights. She is also working on a brochure and a new patron packet.
4. Policy Report – The Policy Committee has received a complaint about our policy excluding pets from the library. A letter will be sent from the Committee.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had her written report for board members to review. She explained that we did not get the IMLS federal grant to continue Pinewoods. However, she does have two \$15,000 grants to pay for staffing, including one from the Mexican Consulate. However, we will need approximately \$14,000 more for utilities and rent. She explained that she feels we can continue at least into next year when we can reapply for the IMLS grant again. All the handouts in the board packet were explained, including the ones on Staff Development Day. The Endowment has been dormant for lack of a new chairman. Any help in that area from the board would be greatly appreciated.

Unfinished Business.

Nominating Committee. Mrs. Kohl presented the following slate of officers: Fran Lane, Chairman, Jo Ellen Childers, Vice-Chairman and Charles Kauderer, Treasurer. They were unanimously elected.

Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting was shared with the board.

New Business.

Tax District. Mrs. Ames explained what had occurred earlier in the spring in Miller County in south Georgia to create a tax district to fund the library there. Ms. Lane asked the Finance Committee to research the idea and come back to the board with more information.

A question regarding the circulation statistics being lower this year was raised. Staff are currently working with GPLS to see if we can get better reporting statistics as we know some of the numbers we are given from the state are wrong.

A question was also asked about whether the percentage of the total budget for materials has changed. Mrs. Ames replied that it has remained fairly stable at between 10-11% of the budget.

Other Business.

FY 2009 Athens-Clarke County Budget. The budget process starts again in January and Mrs. Ames asked board members to let her know what priorities the board feels should be the focus on in this coming year's budget request.

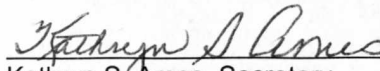
Announcements

Dr. Mokler will not be seeking reappointment to the board so this will be his last meeting. A book in his honor will be added to the collection and we are happy that he will continue to volunteer here.

FOGL will host Stephanie Vance in Decatur on November 17 on advocacy.

Next meeting, January 8, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA
October 9, 2007

Call to order.

*Minutes of July 10, 2007 meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.(for information)

Public Comment(5 minute limit)

Report from Architect: David Moore

Report from Project Manager: Ken Crellen

Committee Reports.

- 1.Friends of the Library
- 2.Ad Hoc Planning Committee for Commission "Educational Event"
- 3.Winterville Report

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

Nominating Committee

New Business.

Tax District

Other business.

FY2009 ACC Budget

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Next meeting: January 8, 2008

FOGL Workshop: November 17, 2007, in Decatur with
Advocacy Speaker, Stephanie Vance.

	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	627,679.43	156,919.86	470,759.57	25.00%
Materials	124,761.19	7,645.88	117,115.31	6.13%
System Services Grant	135,427.70	33,856.93	101,570.77	25.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	145,122.00	38,465.22	106,656.78	26.51%
	<u>1,032,990.32</u>	<u>236,887.89</u>	<u>796,102.43</u>	<u>22.93%</u>

SPLOST:	20,455.90	7,364.12	13,091.78	36.00%
Total State Grants & SPLOST	<u>1,053,446.22</u>	<u>244,252.01</u>	<u>809,194.21</u>	<u>23.19%</u>

Fund Equity ("Reserve")	
Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/07	277,179.22
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	
Vacation Liability	142,136.77
One Months Operating Expense	<u>(148,962.25)</u>
	<u>270,353.74</u>

Other Entrepreneurial Activities

Passport Profit and Loss Statement FY2008

Balance in Passport 07/01/07	96,589.78
Revenues	
07/01/07 - 09/30/07	<u>2,190.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,190.00</u>
Expenditures	
Verizon pagers	21.67
Postage through 09/30/07	<u>279.46</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>301.13</u>
Net Profit Current Year	1,888.87
Current Year Balance	98,478.65

Library Store Revenue and Expense Statement FY2008

Revenues	
Library Store Sales	<u>2,424.21</u>
Expenditures	
Library Store Cost of Goods	<u>5,018.15</u>
Net Profit Current Year	<u>(2,593.94)</u>

FY2008

Athens-Clarke County Library

July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

Revenue:	FY2008 Amount	Amount Received	Balance	% of Budget Received
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,596,816.00	399,204.00	1,197,612.00	25.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	0.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	16,312.46	53,687.54	23.30%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	3,945.33	11,054.67	26.30%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	450.00	1,500.00	23.08%
Outside Revenues*	83,656.00	20,914.00	62,742.00	25.00%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	260.49	739.51	26.05%
Winterville Copy	125.00	97.24	27.76	77.79%
CGOS reimbursement for Heritage Printer	-	5,630.00	(5,630.00)	
Interest	6,000.00	1,022.42	4,977.58	17.04%
Totals	1,787,547.00	447,835.94	1,339,711.06	25.05%

* Revenues from Passport, Library Store and Endowment

Expenditures:	FY2008 Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Received
Outreach	44,000.00	11,000.00	33,000.00	25.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,519,851.00	349,525.86	1,170,325.14	23.00%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	0.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	2,127.26	5,872.74	26.59%
Telephone	14,000.00	4,209.42	9,790.58	30.07%
Postage	6,825.00	1,188.00	5,637.00	17.41%
Travel	2,500.00	112.86	2,387.14	4.51%
Advertising	7,000.00	552.00	6,448.00	7.89%
Insurance	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	0.00%
Supplies	29,171.00	11,641.51	17,529.49	39.91%
Materials	15,000.00	319.32	14,680.68	2.13%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	1,156.33	2,543.67	31.25%
Equipment Purchase**	5,000.00	6,321.58	(1,321.58)	126.43%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	225.00	1,275.00	15.00%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	3,358.26	5,641.74	37.31%
Electricity	88,800.00	28,231.58	60,568.42	31.79%
Storm Water Drainage	2,200.00	474.00	1,726.00	21.55%
Lease/ Building Rental	-	760.00	(760.00)	
Gas Heat	12,000.00	1,968.23	10,031.77	16.40%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	1,231.19	6,268.81	16.42%
Totals	1,787,547.00	424,402.40	1,363,144.60	23.74%

Revenue over (under) expenditures - 23,433.54

**CGOS reimbursent for Heritage printer \$5, 630.00 on 10/09/07

SPLOST 2005 Project #26
Athens-Clarke County Library Expansion Renovation
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROBABLE COST
BASED ON \$2,000,000 GPLS GRANT

9/13/2007

FUNDING

TOTAL SPLOST PROJECT 26 BUDGET	\$8,834,760
Less funding allocated for annual book purchase	(\$692,760)
TOTAL SPLOST AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT	\$8,142,000
GPLS Grant	\$2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$10,142,000

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

ITEM	SPLOST CURRENT BUDGET	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATE	DESIRED PROJECT ADDS	COMMENTS
LAND	0	0		
New Construction (17,876sf @ \$234/sf)		4,182,032		
Mechanical Rooms (648sf @ \$234/sf)		151,594		
Sitework		337,966		
Existing Renovation First Floor (32,240 SF @ \$40.00)		1,270,837		
Existing Renovation Second Floor (31,343 SF @ \$40.00)		1,246,261		
Parking		0		Parking shared with BOE Soccer Field
Construction Alternates				
Replace Existing Building Plumbing Fixtures			\$40,000	Reduces water usage
Replace Existing Building HVAC Control System			\$150,000	Provide DDC controls in existing building (\$284,852 - \$134,852)
Add Existing Building Pretreatment of Outside Air			\$115,085	Improves air quality
Add Existing Building Humidity Controls			\$82,658	Improves Humidity Control
HVAC Option A - Utilize Air Cooled Chiller for Addition in lieu of DX equipment			\$80,000	Minimizes HVAC equipment located in SE corner of building that would be visible from Dudley St.
HVAC Option B - Replace Existing Chiller with new unit sized to handle Addition				Eliminates all HVAC equipment located in SE corner of building. Estimated cost: \$200,000
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$7,243,000	\$7,188,690	\$467,743	
INFLATION 2007 - 2008 (Included in above construction cost)				Costs shown are based on Jul 2008 Bid. Additional inflation if grant delayed.
Design Fee - Grant Application Package		211,000		
Design Fee - Construction Documents & CA		680,000		Final Fee for this phase to be negotiated
Uncommitted		0		
DESIGN FEES TOTAL	\$712,000	\$891,000		
Geotechnical (incl in Design Fee)		0		
Hazardous Materials Survey		6,000		
Special Inspections		53,915		DD updated per CGD estimate
NPDES Monitoring		10,000		
Commissioning - Pre-design		8,000		Pre-design commissioning completed
Commissioning (Des/Constr - LEED Certification)		64,000		LEED Certification for Addition ONLY
Uncommitted		0		
TESTING TOTAL	99,000	141,915		
Furniture		250,000	\$350,000	Minimal FF & E in budget. Additional Funding Required
Technology Systems		135,000	\$155,000	Minimal technology equipment in budget. Additional Funding Required
Library Collection Tracking System (RFID)			\$200,000	RFID not in current budget. Additional Funding Required
F.F. & E. TOTAL (incl Systems)	\$1,346,000	\$385,000	\$705,000	
Project Management - Design		60,000		
Project Management - Construction		138,000		
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$198,000	\$198,000		
Moving		50,000		
Uncommitted		3,900		
MISCELLANEOUS	\$49,000	\$53,900		
Bid/Design Contingency (7.9%)	incl in construction	\$564,626		(% site, renovation, new construction costs)
Construction Contingency (10%)	\$495,000	\$718,869		(% site, renovation, new construction costs)
CONTINGENCY	\$495,000	\$1,283,495		
TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST	\$10,142,000	\$10,142,000	\$1,172,743	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> SPLOST Funding GPLS Grant Other </div> <div> \$8,142,000 \$2,000,000 </div> <div> TBD </div> </div>				
TOTAL FUNDING		\$10,142,000		
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROBABLE COST (OVER) UNDER		\$0		(\$1,172,743)



"Opinion of Probable Const. Costs"
Design Development Cost Analysis
Athens-Clarke Library
Renovations & Additions
Athens, Georgia



Cost Consultant :
Conceptual Estimates

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Athens-Clarke Library, Headquarters
2025 Baxter Street
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 19 Washington Park
 Greenville, S.C. 29601
 Ph: 864-242-0761
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Project Criteria

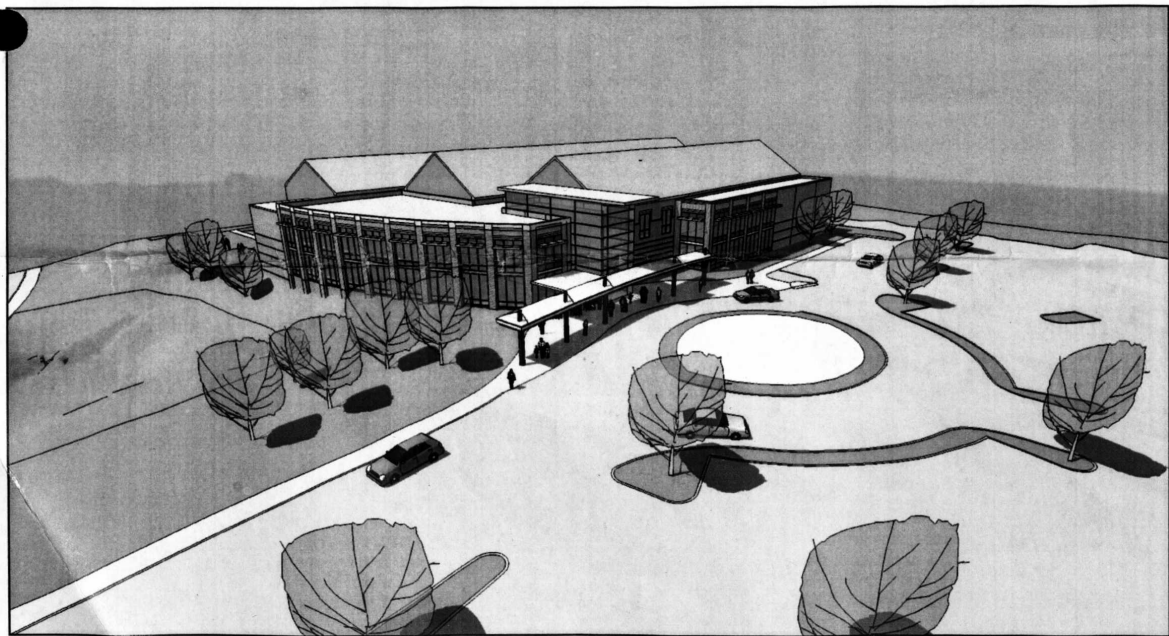
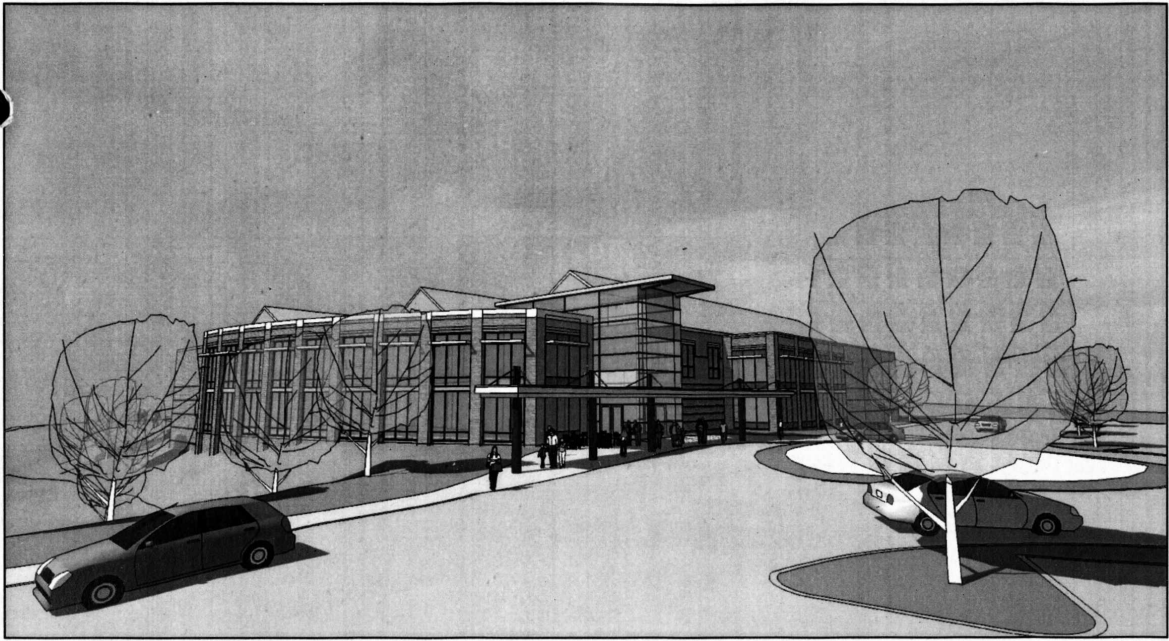
Type of Work: Addition
 Anticipated Bid Date: Jul-08
 Est. Construction Duration: 20 Mos
 Owners Total Budget : \$ 8,680,344
 Planned Area Building : 82,107 SF
 SF Variance : 0 SF

Project Square Foot Analysis

	Area	Factor	Total SF
Mech. Room	648	1.00	648
First Level MP Room	6,837	1.00	6,837
Browsing Collection & Seating	2,101	1.00	2,101
Second Level Fiction	6,837	1.00	6,837
Second Level Ref. & HR	2,101	1.00	2,101
Existing Building First Floor	32,240	1.00	32,240
Existing Building Second Floor	31,343	1.00	31,343
Building Totals =	82,107	1.00	82,107

August 27, 2007

Line No.	Description Building System	System	Unit of Quan	Unit Price Meas	Total Cost / SF	Total Costs	Cost %	Grand Total
Athens-Clarke Library Athens, Georgia								
01	01: Building Additions		17,876	sqft	\$ 233.95	\$ 4,182,032	48.18%	\$ 4,182,032
02	02: Mechanical Room		648	sqft	\$ 233.94	\$ 151,594	1.75%	\$ 151,594
03	03: Site Work		2,520	sqyd	\$ 134.11	\$ 337,966	3.89%	\$ 337,966
04	04: Renov. First Floor		32,240	sqft	\$ 39.42	\$ 1,270,837	14.64%	\$ 1,270,837
05	05: Renov. Second Floor		31,343	sqft	\$ 39.76	\$ 1,246,261	14.36%	\$ 1,246,261
	Subtotal Construction Costs		82,107	sqft	\$ 87.55	\$ 7,188,691	82.82%	\$ 7,188,691
	Construction Contingency		10.00	%	\$ 22.30	\$ 718,869	8.28%	\$ 718,869
	Bid Contingency		10.00	%	\$ 22.30	\$ 718,869	8.28%	\$ 718,869
	Chapter 11, 17 Inspect.		0.75	%	\$ 1.67	\$ 53,915	0.62%	\$ 53,915
	Athens-Clarke Library		82,107	sqft	\$ 105.72	\$ 8,680,344	100.00%	\$ 8,680,344
Alternates								
1	Replace Plumbing Fixtures		20	each	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 40,000	0.46%	\$ 40,000
2	Replace HVAC Control System		63,583	sqft	\$ 4.48	\$ 284,852	3.28%	\$ 284,852
3	Pretreatment of Outside Air		63,583	sqft	\$ 1.81	\$ 115,085	1.33%	\$ 115,085
4	Add Humidity Controls		63,583	sqft	\$ 1.30	\$ 82,658	0.95%	\$ 82,658
	Athens-Clarke Library		82,107	sqft	\$ 112.08	\$ 9,202,939	106.02%	\$ 9,202,939



Director's Report October 9, 2007

Personnel

Erik Bobilin, reference librarian, has resigned to search for a library position in New York City. Erik began as a "floater" and filled in during illness and vacations for several years.

Janet Clapp, who worked as a part-time evening and weekend librarian, will assume the 25 hour per week position. **Theresa Flynn** has also joined the staff as a reference librarian.

Sarah Hoskins is the new Volunteer Coordinator and Library Store Manager. Sarah comes to us from Indiana where she worked as a volunteer coordinator for a health program.

Donna Brumby is our new Extension Librarian. Donna joins the staff from the Gwinnett County Library and is now visiting all facilities to assess need. In consultation with county attorney, Bill Berryman, we have sought a release from the former employee who wrecked the library's station wagon. Her attorney sought a new department of labor termination form. With Bill's advice, we offered her a new form with an agreement that she would not claim unemployment compensation, damages, or ADA violation.

Special Recognition

Jeff Tate, reference librarian, was awarded a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council for the program Jazz which began this past Sunday with a presentation by

Trudi Green, team leader of information services, has been awarded a grant from the American Library Association for a traveling exhibit of Ben Franklin which will begin in 2008. We also anticipate receiving an Abraham Lincoln exhibit following that.

Kim James Kibbey, outreach specialist, has been selected for a scholarship to the National Association of Black Storytellers conference. Kim also works at East Athens and has developed a reading incentive program.

Carrie Mumah, public relations specialist, received a scholarship to attend the Marketing section of the Certified Public Library Leadership program recently held in Atlanta. The 2-day session featured Wayne Pieper from the Ohio Library Council.

Miguel Vicente, working with the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, has received a grant to provide a Club Hero program at Pinewoods. This grant will cover the salary of **Nichol Adwalla**, who works part time with that program.

Miguel Vicente and I also developed an application for the Mexican Consulate to provide support for our adult education program, particularly ESL and computer skills. The grant was for \$15,000 and is one of 3 in Georgia to be funded [another grant went to Clarke Central High School. We initially worked with their ESL teachers to demonstrate how the Plaza Comunitaria program could help students understand math and science.]

Miguel will be awarded the Charles Beard Scholarship later this month at the Georgia Library Association meeting to be held at Jekyll Island. This grant will cover some of the tuition costs for attending Valdosta's Library and Information Science program. Valdosta, incidentally, was recently notified that they had received accreditation from the American Library Association. I am presenting 2 programs and participating on a panel at the same meeting.

Staff Development Day, Sept. 27

The theme of the day was *Web 2.0 – the Way to Go* and included all regular staff. The Committee included Trudi Green and Clare Auwarter as co-chairs, Greg Deal, Natalie Wright, Judy Atwood, Karen Douglas, Marsha Carlan, Holly Bowden, Carrie Mumah, Amber Wilkerson, MaryAnne Driver, Diane Williams, and Donna Brumby. In addition Mike Kastellec [Oconee], Alyssa Claytor [Madison], Erik Bobilin, Theresa Flynn, and Kim Kibbey served as trainers.

The day began with a rousing speech from Cliff Landis who is a reference librarian at Valdosta and also teaches in the MLIS program. It was followed by hands-on opportunities to

use Google, RSS feeds, Flickr and Del.icio.us. While not all staff may use these networking sites, the Committee believed that all staff should have some awareness of their existence and the contents available. The day ended with remarks by Dr. Kristina Jaskyte of the UGA School of Social Work. Dr. Jaskyte talked about coping with change and creativity.

As always, the success of the day depends on the quantity and quality of food! Special thanks to the Friends of the Libraries in each of our libraries who contributed funds to buy snacks—we had them in abundance! The food committee also did a great job with breakfast from Big City Bread and lunch items from Lee Epting.

- Other Issues One of the most important issues facing Athens is the need for the construction project to be included on the Governor's funding list. We are continuing to meet with Office of Planning and Budget—the analyst for the Board of Regents and public libraries was unaware that the construction cap was \$3 million years ago. Talk with our Senator and Representatives about construction and the need for Athens to be included on the public library list!!!
- The Georgia Council of Public Libraries will again be promoting the *Buck for Books* campaign. We are currently up to 57 cents per capita so this promotion has made progress. We are asking for an additional \$2 million this year to bring the total to approximately 70 cents per capita. Please do mention this to our legislators as well.
- Friends of Georgia Libraries will be offering a program featuring Stephanie Vance in Decatur on November 16. The topic is advocating for increased local funding so it will have ideas for everyone! Wally Eberhard and I serve on the FOGL board and hope you will be able to attend. Registration will be covered by the library system and rides to the Decatur Library may be available.
- The Annual Report has just been completed. A full outline of statistics will be available shortly. We have just also completed the FY2006 audit and are very much looking forward to moving to the Blackburn Accounting Consortium in November.
- We are working with a group from UGA Libraries on a project called "The Big Read" which will likely be held in September 2008. The purpose of this is to encourage discussion of a specific book and to host activities that relate to the topics brought up by the book. The book will be *Bless Me Ultima* and several Latino partners will be included in the planning. We anticipate this title will appeal to young adults as well as the general public.
- We are also working with Leisure Services to plan a special Art Outside the Box event one Saturday in the Spring. In this case, we are hoping to offer art/music in unexpected places including the Library.

Unfortunately, we did not receive the IMLS [Pinewoods] grant renewal that we were hoping for. However, we received several excellent comments on the proposal and were encouraged to apply again next year. In the meantime, we have already received several grants: Club Hero for \$15,000; Mexican Consulate for \$15,000; Rotary Club for \$5500; and we have one pending. While we have received no funds yet, we will be reporting on them throughout the year. Most of these grants are for personnel and must be spent specifically for the purpose of the grant. We continue to search for grants that will cover the rent and utilities and think we have identified a source for this purpose—the deadline for application is the end of this month.

Don't forget *Café au Libris*, a Friends Friendraiser that will be held on Friday evening from 7-9. Authors Ferrol Sams, Terry Kay, Mary Kay Andrews and Grady Thrasher will be present for an interesting evening. Jeff Tate will serve as the master of ceremonies.

WEB 2.0 - The Way to GO!

Athens Regional Library System Staff Development Day Thursday, September 27, 2007	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am to 9:05 am	Welcome and Introduction of Speaker - Library Auditorium Kathryn Ames, Library Director
9:05 am to 9:45 am	Keynote Addresses: Cliff Landis, Valdosta State University Libraries Keeping Your Bearings in the New Digital Landscape
9:45 am to 10:00 am	Break - Please proceed to your assigned training area RED dots - Library Auditorium BLUE dots - Small Conference Room - 1 st floor YELLOW dots - Board Room - 2 nd floor GREEN dots - Fiction area - 2 nd floor
10:00 am to 10:40 am	Training sessions Google - Greg Deal & Natalie Wright RSS feeds - Karen Douglas, Judy Atwood & Kim Kibbey
10:40 am to 11:00 am	Break All staff proceed to assigned computer sections RED dots - 1 st Floor Gates Lab (YA Section) BLUE, YELLOW, & GREEN dots - 2 nd floor Reference and ETC areas
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Hands-on exercises for Google & RSS feeds Trainers will be in each section to provide assistance
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	Lunch 2 nd floor Reference Area
1:15 pm to 1:55 pm	Training Sessions - All staff report to their assigned section flickr - Mike Kastellec & Alisa Claytor del.icio.us - Trudi Green, Erik Bobilin & Theresa Flynn
1:55 pm to 2:15 pm	Break All staff proceed to their computer area
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	Hands-on exercises for flickr & del.icio.us Trainers will be in each section to provide assistance
3:15 pm to 3:35 pm	Break Please proceed to the auditorium
3:35 pm to 4:10 pm	Closing Speaker - Library Auditorium Dr. Kristina Jaskyte, University of Georgia School of Social Work Understanding, embracing, and inspiring change in your organization
4:10 pm to 4:15 pm	Closing Remarks Kathryn Ames

RSS: The Basics



What is it? RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is a format that delivers updated content from your favorite web sites in an automated manner that's easier than checking them manually. An RSS file is also called a **feed**, **web feed** or **channel**. You may also run across the term "Atom," which is another type of feed format similar to RSS. When you subscribe to a feed, you don't have to provide any personal information, it's easy to unsubscribe, and it's free. Sit back, relax and allow the information to come to you!

Why Would I Want to Use it? Information comes to you, and it saves you time by not having to always check your favorite web sites. It eliminates spam, because *you* subscribe. You are in control of what information will be sent to you. Another advantage of RSS is that notification is virtually instantaneous.

What Do RSS Feeds Look Like? These are the most common icons for RSS feeds.



Here are several other icons you may see. Other sites may only have text that says something like, "Subscribe To: Post Comments (Atom)."



What Do I Need to Get Started? You will need to subscribe to a Feed reader.

So, What is a Feed Reader? A feed reader is also called an **aggregator**. A reader will display your feeds, and some will allow you to sort them into folders. There are two different types of feed readers, **client based** and **web based**. Client based reader software is installed directly on your machine. With a client based reader, you will only be able to check your feeds from that machine. If you want to be able to check your feeds from any computer with an Internet connection, then use a **web based reader (highly recommended)**. Here are a few examples of web based readers.

<http://www.netvibes.com/>
<http://www.google.com/reader>
<http://www.newsgator.com/home.aspx>
<http://my.yahoo.com/>
<https://login.yahoo.com/config/mail?.intl=us>
<http://www.bloglines.com/>

Netvibes
Google Reader
NewsGator
My Yahoo!
Yahoo!Mail was just upgraded and now has a built in feed reader.
Bloglines

How Do I Find Feeds on the Internet? As you visit your favorite web sites or even new sites, you may see the RSS feed icon somewhere at the top or bottom of the page. Whenever you see that icon (or any similar icons), you can subscribe to that feed. If you would like to find a large list of web sites that currently use RSS feeds, you will need to use a directory specifically designed for that purpose. Here are three RSS directories you may want to try.

www.syndic8.com www.rss-network.com

Okay, How Does This Work? Once you have signed up with a feed reader and have located an RSS feed on a particular web site, you'll want to subscribe to that feed. Click on the RSS icon on the web page. You may see a page of code. Simply copy and paste the URL of that page to your feed reader. It's that simple. Now you will be notified as that web page or blog is updated. When updated content comes to your feed reader, it will appear in bold and may even state "new feed available" (this depends on your feed reader).

How Am I Going to Remember All This?

<http://tinyurl.com/86b94>
<http://tinyurl.com/25b9qn>
<http://tinyurl.com/2yshph>

video by CNET.com - **RSS: feel the need for feeds?**
video by Commoncraft - **RSS in Plain English**
video by Palinet - **Feed Me, A Gentle Introduction to Internet Feeds**

GPLS FY 2009 Capital Outlay Request

<i>Library System</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>C/B*</i>	<i>N/A**</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>State Share</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Running Total (State Share)</i>
Conyers-Rockdale County	Headquarters	C	A	Conyers	Rockdale	\$5,294,715	\$2,000,000	\$3,294,715	\$2,000,000
Coweta Regional	Senoia Public Library	B	N	Senoia	Coweta	\$1,728,571	\$1,228,571	\$500,000	\$3,228,571
Coweta Regional	Grantville Public Library	B	N	Grantville	Coweta	\$1,165,714	\$665,714	\$500,000	\$3,894,285
Chattahoochee Valley Regional	Mildred L. Terry Branch Library	B	N	Columbus	Muscogee	\$2,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,394,285
Sara Hightower Regional	Rockmart Library	B	A	Rockmart	Polk	\$2,674,250	\$1,899,500	\$774,750	\$6,293,785
West Georgia Regional Library	Fairplay Public Library (Legislative Initiative)	B	N		Douglas	\$3,857,143	\$2,000,000	\$1,857,143	\$8,293,785
Okefenokee Regional Library	Pierce County Public Library (Legislative Initiative)	B	N	Blackshear	Pierce	\$2,394,823	\$1,644,823	\$750,000	\$9,938,608
DeKalb County Public Library	DeKalb County LibraryProcessing Center	C	N	Unincorporated Area	DeKalb	\$6,002,857	\$2,000,000	\$4,002,857	\$11,938,608
Sequoyah Regional Library	R. T. Jones Memorial Library	C	A	Canton	Cherokee	\$1,404,214	\$1,052,207	\$352,007	\$12,990,815
Athens Regional Library	Athens-Clarke County Library	C	A	Athens	Clarke	\$10,215,240	\$2,000,000	\$8,215,240	\$14,990,815
Statewide	Major Repair & Renovation			Various	Various	Varies	\$1,000,000	Varies	\$15,990,815

C/B - Central Library/Branch Library

*N/A - New Construction/Addition-Renovation

"Grassroots Advocacy: Shaking the Money Tree"

Registration Form

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____ (w): _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Name of your local Friends of the Library group:

Are you representing your Friends Group as a designated member? ☐ yes ☐ no

Will Attend:

☐ Wine & Cheese Reception—Thursday, November 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

☐ Dutch treat dinner in Decatur following Reception

☐ Workshop—Friday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration Fee includes a box lunch on Friday. Please check one:

☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other Dietary Needs: _____

Registration Fee for Reception and Workshop enclosed:

☐ Individual Member or Designated Member from a Group \$30

☐ Non-members \$40 (includes membership in FOGL for 2008)

☐ Additional Donation to FOGL: \$ _____

Complete and return with payment **by November 9** to:

FOGL

c/o Wally Eberhard, Treasurer

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Athens, GA 30606-3196

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presents

"Grassroots Advocacy: Shaking the Money Tree"

featuring **Stephanie D. Vance**, "The Advocacy Guru"
Advocacy Associates, LLC

About the program:

Learn how to influence local government agencies to adequately fund your library. Advocacy Associates believes advocacy can be fun! The workshop will be highly interactive with plenty of opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions. Stephanie's style is warm, inviting, humorous and approachable, and appropriate for those ranging in expertise from "experienced old-hands" to novices.

Date: Friday, November 16, 2007
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Decatur Library Auditorium, 215 Sycamore Street
Directions: <http://www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/deca.htm>
Registration Fee: \$30 for FOGL members
\$40 for non-members (includes membership for 2008)

About the Speaker:

Stephanie D. Vance, author of *Government by the People: How to Communicate with Congress* and the fabjob.com guide, *Get a Job on Capitol Hill*, has 15 years of experience in Congressional affairs. She has worked in a prominent DC law firm, lobbied for National Public Radio and worked in various Congressional offices, holding positions as Legislative Director and Staff Director. Her work on congressional communications stems from a deep and abiding belief that government is effective only when citizens are active participants.

Stephanie holds a Masters Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and was a 1999 German Marshall Fund Fellow. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Women."

See for yourself! For more information about Stephanie, see <http://www.advocacyguru.com/>, which includes video clips of some of Stephanie's training sessions!

You're Also Invited...

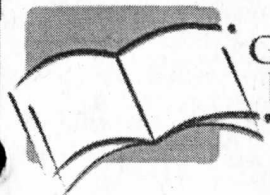
...to a networking event and welcome reception for Stephanie Vance:

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2006
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday night, November 15, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur. Please call 404-371-0204 or 800-972-2404 and mention "Friends of Georgia Libraries" or FOGL to reserve a room.

For a registration form, go to www.georgia-friends.org.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Georgia Public Library Directors
FROM: Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian
SUBJECT: Open Meetings Law
DATE: September 27, 2007

It has recently come to my attention that all trustees in Georgia may not be fully informed of the requirements of the Open Meetings Law as it applies to Georgia's public library boards. I would very much appreciate your sharing the following information with your library board members.

The Georgia Open Meetings Law (Official Code of Georgia 50-14-1 and following) requires that all meetings of public library boards or any committee of their members be open to the public. There are very limited reasons for closure of a meeting (often called "going into executive session"). These are specified in law (OCGA 50-14-3).

When a board wishes to close a meeting for a legal reason, the board must take a vote to close and record each member's vote in the minutes. The reason for closing must also be entered into the official minutes, and the board Chairperson or other person presiding over the meeting must sign an affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the closed portion was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law. Further, the presiding person must identify the specific relevant exception. This form must be notarized and retained with the official board records. Knowingly violating the Open Meetings Law is a misdemeanor and can result in a \$500 fine.

Note that portions of a meeting may be closed for discussion, but a vote on any matter discussed in a closed session must be taken in public and recorded in the minutes. The director or the director's designee must be present at all meetings of the board, including committee meetings and closed portions (OCGA 20-5-45).

Trustees are encouraged to read the Library Law (OCGA 20-5-40 through 20-5-59) and the Open Meetings Law (OCGA 50-14-1 through 50-14-6) carefully. Both of these are reprinted in the trustee manual published by GPLS. It is recommended that an independent attorney be consulted when there is a question regarding the law that is specific to your local situation.

Thank you for bringing these matters to the attention of your library boards. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL) and the state's local Friends of the Library organizations raise money that enable our libraries to move from good to great—providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: The work of FOGL highlights, on an on-going basis, the fact that our libraries are cornerstones of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and to connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to present; and

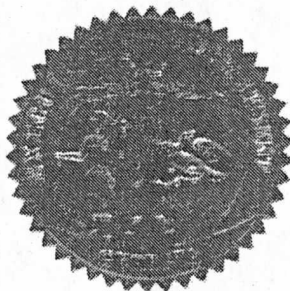
WHEREAS: FOGL understands the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocates to ensure that our libraries get the resources needed to provide a wide variety of services to all ages, including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

WHEREAS: The Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our communities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

FRIENDS OF GEORGIA LIBRARIES.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of September, 2007.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Ed F. Nalson
CHIEF OF STAFF

Circulation Statistics FY2008

Athens-Clarke

	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY2008
July	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491	56,063	56,744
August	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103	51,182	49,007
September	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997	49,186	45,344
October	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474	47,202	
November	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990	43,597	
December	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808	36,177	
January	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340	46,128	
February	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215	43,600	
March	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100	45,874	
April	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983	43,040	
May	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019	47,899	
June	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460	57,862	
TOTALS	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980	567,810	
In-House Use		496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349	534,924	

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens -Materials Reshelfed After Use

	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
July	1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553	296	1,785
August	2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537	292	1,807
September	2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210	1,174	1,095
October	2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728	1,475	
November	1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962	1,896	
December	1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687	1,475	
January	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240	1,427	
February	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314	1,700	
March	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052	1,604	
April	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921	1,715	
May	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682	1,692	
June	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331	1,754	
TOTALS	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217	16,500	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

Winterville Branch Library

	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
July	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116	1,468	1,536
August	857	909	1,026	1,103	1,145	902	1,104	1,226
September	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714	932	1,219
October	578	738	990	990	963	921	1,002	
November	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430	930	
December	487	479	618	1,137	771	667	607	
January	970	598	760	922	777	1,052	789	
February	912	818	771	743	797	1,073	805	
March	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152	927	
April	613	676	706	807	636	811	893	
May	753	1,139	1,265	973	784	1,137	1,230	
June	925	1,544	1,018	1,407	1,473	1,669	1,499	
TOTALS	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644	12,186	
In-house Use			11,596	3,562	3,640	2,743	12,220	

Bookmobile/Outreach

	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
July	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157	524	547
August	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173	683	284
September	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173	0	435
October	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	0	0	
November	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555	0	
December	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261	0	
January	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758	5	
February	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765	0	
March	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002	601	
April	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	810	161	
May	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	543	434	
June	1,589	559	194	377	244	479	412	
TOTALS	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	8,676	2,820	

East Athens Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007	FY 2008
July		133	978	492	1,194	1119
August		80	454	478	274	750
September		234	34	265	38	579
October	33	917	1,124	518	520	
November	9	426	218	849	835	
December	193	585	34	502	1710	
January	158	635	828	58	1638	
February	227	538	41	577	1438	
March	148	533	391	340	900	
April	129	837	413	478	936	
May	111	578	589	1222	797	
June	52	777	580	1892	605	
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684	7671	10,885	
In-House Use	639	10,166	9,204	2,626	17,940	

Lay Park Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007	FY 2008
July		137	3,549	686	1,428	1596
August		73	990	398	666	1022
September		382	543	257	1148	1068
October	4	381	644	1058	1156	
November	49	385	538	358	926	
December	238	423	475	746	700	
January	167	373	497	888	832	
February	112	124	395	773	872	
March	160	177	999	1004	952	
April	127	139	533	1343	1161	
May	118	172	1,077	1222	1257	
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304	1578	
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037	12,676	
In-House Use	999	13,988	6,396	6,656	30,680	

Pinewoods Library and Learning Center

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
July		440	274	1821
August		977	171	1988
September		341	1504	1675
October		303	1492	
November		1285	1392	
December		141	1050	
January		334	2012	
February		145	1546	
March	110	539	917	
April	603	147	1104	
May	744	117	703	
June	664	2743	284	
TOTALS	2,121	7512	12449	
In-House Use		12,284		

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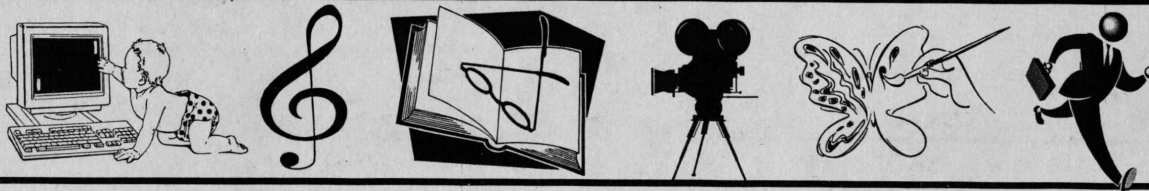


Athens-Clarke

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OCTOBER EVENTS

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. This schedule is tentative and subject to change. Please call the Library for more information.



Throughout October

Children's Storytime - Join us with your children ages 18 months to 5 years for **Storytime** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. We also offer **Bedtime Stories** Mondays at 7:00 p.m. **Infant Storytime** is on Mondays, October 1 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 314 for more information.

Monday, October 1 7:00 p.m.

African-American Family History Research Interest Group (AAFHRIG) - This is the fourth quarterly meeting of 2007 of the AAFHRIG. Co-sponsored by Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room. Anyone interested in African-American genealogy and family history is encouraged to attend. In the Small Conference Room. No registration required. Part of the Athens celebration of Georgia Archives Month themed "Georgia History: Stay Tuned!"

Tuesday, October 2 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Read to Rover - Beginning readers (grades 1-4) read aloud to a dog! Dog is insured and in the company of a trainer at all times. Twenty-minute sessions per child. First come, first served. In Storyroom.

Wednesday, October 3 4:00 p.m.

Wildcard Wednesday for Teens: Stick Baskets - You didn't know popsicle sticks could look this cool! Free and open to the first 15 teens ages 11-18.

Wednesdays, October 3 & 17 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Spanish Storytime - Join us for a storytime presented in Spanish. Families welcome. In Storyroom.

Thursday, October 4 2:00 p.m.

Cinema Classics - Join the Special Needs Library for the classic comedy "Topper," starring Cary Grant. This special presentation features a non-intrusive narration track that makes the film available to non-sighted viewers as well as sighted. In Auditorium.

Thursday, October 4 7:00 p.m.

iFilms: "Miss Navajo" - Told through the journey of Miss Navajo Nation contestant, Crystal Frazier, this feature documentary explores a community's struggle to preserve and maintain the Navajo language and culture. Follow this introverted, self-proclaimed tomboy as she makes bread, weaves a rug, sweats her way through a language quiz - and that's just the first day - on her quest to become the new Miss Navajo. Part of our ITVS (The Independent Television Service) series. 60 minutes. Not Rated. In Auditorium.

Thursdays, October 4 - November 1 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Parent/Child Workshop - Our library is a Family Place Library, a center for early childhood information, parent education and family support. As part of Family Place, these workshops are available for children ages 1-3, plus their caregivers. We'll provide toys, music, art activities, and a different community resource guest each week. Due to limited space, in-person pre-registration is required. In Storyroom.

Sunday, October 7 3:00 p.m.

Live! at the Library with the Prime Time Jazz Trio - Join drummer Tony McCutchen, bassist Chris Enghauser and pianist Jim McKillip as they perform jazz standards. This free concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. In conjunction with the Library's "Looking at: Jazz" viewing and discussion series. In Auditorium.

Tuesday, October 9 7:00 p.m.

African-American Authors Book Club - "Church Folk" by Michele Andrea Bowen. Newcomers always welcome. In Small Conference Room. For more information, call (706) 613-3650, ext. 351.

Wednesday, October 10 4:00 p.m.

Wildcard Wednesday for Teens: Pictionary - Last month's Pictionary was so much fun, we're doing it again! Join us for a hilarious game of Pictionary. Free and open to teens ages 11-18.

Thursday, October 11 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Computer Class: Mouse and Keyboard Skills - In the Educational Technology Center. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 354 to register.

LOOKING AT jazz AMERICA'S ART FORM

Sunday, October 7 at 3 p.m.

LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY WITH PRIME TIME JAZZ TRIO

Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE ORIGINS OF JAZZ

Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

THE JAZZ AGE AND THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.

JAZZ VOCALISTS

Tuesday, October 30 at 7 p.m.

THE SWING ERA

Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m.

JAZZ INNOVATORS: FROM BEBOP, TO HARD BOP, TO COOL AND MORE

Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m.

"MEET THE AUTHOR" JAZZ-MYSTERY WRITER DAVID FULMER

Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

LATIN JAZZ AND JAZZ AS INTERNATIONAL MUSIC

A special program series focusing on various themes in the history of jazz. Features screenings of award-winning documentaries, supported by scholar-led discussions and extensive reading lists. The discussion scholar will be **Dr. Tony McCutchen**, a faculty member in UGA's School of Music. Series will also include displays throughout the Library. Free and open to the public. All programs in the Auditorium.

A project of Re:New Media, American Library Association and Jazz at Lincoln Center. Major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Georgia Humanities Council.

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Thursday, October 11 7:00 p.m.

iFilms: "The Way I Spent the End of the World" - Eva, 17, accidentally knocks over a bust of Romanian dictator Ceausescu. Eva is expelled from school and transferred to a reformatory establishment. She meets Andrei, and they decide to escape Romania. Eva's 7-year-old brother Lalalilu believes Ceausescu is the reason Eva is leaving, so he plans to kill the dictator. 106 minutes. Not Rated. In Auditorium.

Sunday, October 14 3:00 p.m.

Let's Talk About It: Film Screening and Discussion - "The Golem" - Discussion led by Dr. Elizabeth Kraft, Professor of Restoration and 18th-century literature at UGA. "The Golem" tells the story of a man made of clay who is brought to life to save the Jews of the 16th century Prague ghetto. Created with human frailties, the Golem spreads fear among the very people he is to save. In conjunction with Jewish Literature Discussion Series. In Auditorium. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 348 for more information.



Tuesday, October 16 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Getting Started with Genealogy - Class to help you get started with family research. Bring a sweater or light jacket and pencil or pen. No registration required. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 350 for more information.

Wednesday, October 17 10:30 a.m.

Talking About Books, Adult Book Discussion Group - "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau. Newcomers welcome. In Small Conference Room.

Wednesday, October 17 4:00 p.m.

Wildcard Wednesday for Teens: Shrinking Plastic Bookmarks - Customize a bookmark with your own plastic charms. Free and open to the first 15 teens ages 11-18.

Thursday, October 18 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Computer Class: Introduction to Word - In the Educational Technology Center. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 354 to register.

Thursday, October 18 7:00 p.m.

iFilms: "Koko: A Talking Gorilla" - In 1977, acclaimed French director Barbet Schroeder entered the universe of the world's most famous primate to create this captivating documentary. The film introduces us to Koko after she arrived at Stanford University for a controversial experiment - she would be taught the basics of human communication through American Sign Language. 80 minutes. Not rated. In Auditorium.

Friday, October 19 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Puppet Show: "Captain Abdul's Little Treasure" at 35th Annual Harvest Festival - With Athens Community Council on Aging and Lyndon House Arts Center. At the community center at 135 Hoyt Street. Call (706) 549-4850 for more information about the festival.

Sunday, October 21 3:00 p.m.

Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery: A Lively Subject - East Athens' Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery, founded in 1882, has a rich history as its African-American founders struggled to overcome the effects of slavery and Reconstruction. Dr. Al Hester, head of the history and research committee of the Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery project, will show a film highlighting the cemetery's history and will discuss the cemetery's reconstruction. Sponsored by the Heritage Room. Part of Athens' celebration of Georgia Archives Month themed "Georgia History: Stay Tuned!" In Auditorium.

Monday, October 22 7:00 p.m.

Georgia Review Release Party - The award-winning Georgia Review magazine celebrates its 60th anniversary with a Fall 2007 Issue release party. UGA graduate Jeremy Collins will read from "Shadow Boxing," a lively chronicle of his struggles as a developing writer under the guiding star of an unlikely muse - Sylvester Stallone. Reception to follow. Georgia Review staff will answer questions about magazine. In Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 24 4:00 p.m.

Wildcard Wednesday for Teens: Copycat Art: Art Nouveau - Copycat Art is a new program where once a month we'll choose a new artist or art style to inspire our own fine art creations. This month we're inspired by the stained glass art designs of the Art Nouveau movement. Free and open to the first 15 teens ages 11-18.

Wednesday, October 24 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

One Spooky Night - Trick-or-Treat throughout the Library for non-food prizes in every public department. Sponsored by The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Costumes are encouraged.

7:00 p.m. - Halloween Stories for the youngest of our trick-or-treaters. Adult caregiver must be present. All ages. In Auditorium.

Thursday, October 25 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Computer Class: Introduction to Excel - In the Educational Technology Center. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 354 to register.

Thursday, October 25 7:00 p.m.

iFilms: "The Bothersome Man" - Andreas arrives in a strange city with no memory of how he got there. He is presented with a job, an apartment - even a wife. But before long, he notices that something is wrong. The people seem cut off from any real emotion and communicate only in superficialities. Andreas makes an attempt to escape the city but discovers there's no way out. Norway, 90 minutes. Not rated. In Auditorium.

Sunday, October 28 3:00 p.m.

Let's Talk About It: Book Discussion - "The Puttermessa Papers" by Cynthia Ozick. Fourth book discussion in Jewish Literature: Identity and Imagination Book Discussion Series. In Administration Board Room. Call (706) 613-3650, ext. 348 for more information.

Monday, October 29 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Disability Awareness Day - Over 14 million Americans are visually impaired. Learn more at information tables in the Lobby, and don't miss the Descriptive Video Marathon as we show some of our favorites in the Auditorium. Put on a blindfold, and find out what it's like to watch a movie when you can't see. Presented by the Special Needs Library.

Monday, October 29 7:00 p.m.

Last Monday Book Group, Adult Book Discussion Group - "A Summons to Memphis" by Peter Taylor. Newcomers welcome. In the Small Conference Room.

Tuesday, October 30 12:15 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch: "How Healthy Can You Get?" - You don't have to be a world-class athlete to look and feel your best. Learn the health secrets of some of the premier athletes of our time, and apply them to your life. Presented by JC Corcoran, retired fire captain/paramedic and certified fitness instructor. Feel free to bring a lunch to this 45-minute program. In Small Conference Room.

Wednesday, October 31 4:00 p.m.

Wildcard Wednesday for Teens: Halloween Masks - Celebrate Halloween by making a spooky mask. Free and open to the first 10 teens ages 11-18.

Exhibits

* **"It's a Lovely Day to Be in Athens: 40 Years of Community Commentary"** Display - Editorial collection of H. Randolph Holder from WGAU. Heritage Room display case.

* **Paintings by Connie Flynn** - ETC wall.

* **"Looking at Jazz"** Displays - Jazz history timeline and new jazz CD collection in Browsing, rare jazz LP record covers in display cases

* **R.E.M. Display** - Display case



ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Athens-Clarke Co.
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Received
9-17-07

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

Name (Please give full name) Marcee L. Innes		Date
Address 150 WestPark dr. #711		
City Athens	Zip Code 30606	
Telephone: daytime (770) 402-0676	evening (770) 402-2365	
E-mail: gabobe86@hotmail.com		
Branch Library Athens-Clarke Co.	Call Number of Item	
And This is in regards to the policy of no animals, unless an assistance dog.		
Well my argument is there is no difference in an seeing eye dog and my 3 1/2 lb. puppy that was in my arms? I was told someone might be allergic to him. Well the seeing eye dogs have the same fur as my puppy. So I was wanting to know the difference. How come my puppy can't come in?		
Format of Item (Please circle) Book Video Audiobook Magazine Other		

← more on
Back.

1. What do you find objectionable and/or offensive about this item?
Please give specific examples.
2. Please list the specific page numbers or section of any part that you find objectionable or offensive.

3. Have you read (listened or viewed) the item in its entirety? If not, what pages or sections have you read (listened or viewed)?
4. Have you read any critical reviews of this item? Please include source.
5. Do you recommend that the library reclassify this item or remove it from the collection?
6. Do you have a recommendation for an alternative to this item?

The Athens Regional Library System appreciates your interest in the library's collection. You will receive notification of the decision.

Signature of Library User Submitting Reconsideration Form
Date

Signature of Staff Member Receiving Reconsideration Form
Date

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Not to mention he is very well behaved! My puppy doesn't bark, bite, nothing. He behaves better than most kids. So I'm just wanting someone to tell me the difference in my puppy and a seeing eye dog? Other than the fact the owner of the seeing eye dog is blind! A dog is a dog, fur is fur, Not one person is allergic to my puppy and not the seeing eye dog! If there is a sign that says shirt and shoes must be worn then I think there needs to be a sign saying No Animals allowed on the outside Door!

Thank!!

MINUTES
ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
October 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:30. Present were Ms. Crawford, Mr. Bowns and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Gresham, Mr. Jones and Mr. Shapiro (Oglethorpe County); Ms. Stratton (Oconee County); Ms. Dunn (Athens-Clarke County); Mr. Ingram, (Madison County). Ms. Lane, Ms. Luke, Mr. Moak, Mr. Timmons, and Mr. Zimmerman were excused. Ms. Coutant was absent. Staff present were Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Simonds, and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes. Mrs. Ames was attending COMO meetings in south Georgia.

The minutes of July 19, 2007 board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Gresham and Mr. Ingram.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Ms. Dunn and second from Ms. Stratton. There were no members of the public present.

The first quarter FY08 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. All local boards have met. Some funding agencies operate on a different fiscal year, so the revenues are in order. Both revenues and expenditures are in the 24% range which is where they both should be.

Mrs. Atwood explained her responsibilities in her new position as Assistant Director of Today's Library.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

Clarke County: Ms. Dunn reported that the Friends fundraiser, Café au Libris had over 300 people attend. The meeting with the Mayor and Commission on September 17 went well and the board was happy with the educational process about the budget on both sides. There is a new librarian, Lizz Bernstein in Winterville. The architect met all the required deadlines for grant submission and brought it to the board. All board members have been asked to contact their legislators seeking to include construction funding in the 2009 budget.

Madison County: Mr. Ingram said there had been an increase in all statistics, particularly computer use. The library is trying to get a SPLOST passed so that the library's size could be increased to 7000 sq. ft. The board hasn't heard back from the Commission about the present year's budget. The Friends had a successful book sale.

Oconee County: Ms. Stratton stated that the number of adult programs had significantly increased. There was a three-part computer class on photo storage; the Friends hosted Louise Dodd from Macon, who spoke about her book, "Eating from the White House to the Jail House." The Friends made and served recipes from the book and hosted a tea. Also a series of programs about probate law was begun in August. Clare Auwarter's report to the County Commission was used in their annual report.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Shapiro reported that the roof had been repaired and the new HVAC system installed through funding from the MRR grants. The carpeting was redone in the meeting room. Storytime is now in the evenings. Friends are having their annual book sale Nov 9-12 during library hours hoping for the success of last year.

Franklin County: There are still vacancies they are working to fill. Lavonia got a We The People Grant and got good press coverage. Royston got an MRR grant for roof repair. Friends of Royston Library are installing new carpet in the children's section. Friends of Lavonia Library has a good book sale and fun run. Lavonia Library has been broken into 4 times through the back window. Less than \$100 was stolen each time. The Friends installed a security system.

The Director's written report was presented and Mrs. Atwood highlighted Staff Development Day which closed all libraries in the region for one day for staff to come together and learn about Web 2.0. She also encouraged board members to attend the FOGL workshop on Nov. 16. National Friends of the Library Week is next week. Celebrate your friends!

Old Business

1. MRR grants were awarded to repair the Royston roof (\$17,000) and Oglethorpe County's HVAC (\$5,871) and roof repairs there (\$8,250). The board unanimously approved these grants.
2. Ms. Simonds reported on the recent FY 2006 audit. Board members will be receiving a copy by mail. There were 3 repeat findings and the library's corrective action plan is included with the copy of the audit. Mrs. Stratton and Mr. Jones moved and seconded to accept the audit report.

New Business

1. Review Insurance
2. Review Banking Services

Ms. Simonds reported that the auditor had suggested; and common business practices also recommend that both insurance and banking services be bid out per a policy. We do not have one in place. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to work with Ms. Simonds and come back to the board with a plan in January. Mr. Miller moved to accept developing an operating policy and RFP's with a second from Mr. Shapiro. The motion was unanimously approved.

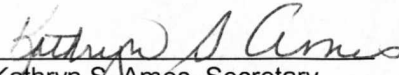
3. The Holiday Schedule was unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Shaprio and Mr. Jones..

4. Legislative Issues

Mrs. Atwood referred the board back to Ms. Ames written report. Libraries are going to use Buck for Books promotion again this year to see if legislature will raise the materials grant to 70 cents per capita. Also, she reminded board members to encourage their state representatives and senators to include library construction grants in the FY2009 budget. Legislative Day will be February 19, 2008.

Mr. Prokasy asked board members to note the announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36.


Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
AGENDA
October 18, 2007

Call to order.

Introduce new members.

Review and approve minutes of July 19, 2007

Public Comment(5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Judy Atwood

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

1. Approve MRR contracts for Royston roof(\$17,000) and Oglethorpe's HVAC(\$5,871) and roof repairs(\$8,250)plus local match.
2. Audit

New Business.

1. Review Insurance.
2. Review Banking Services
3. 2008 Holiday calendar
4. Legislative Issues

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Libraries close at 6 PM Wednesday, November 21 and all day November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving. All libraries will maintain regular schedule on November 23.

Holiday Schedule for Christmas, New Year's. Libraries will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and January 1. We will close at 6 PM on Monday, December 31.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2008.

FOGL Workshop: November 17, 2007, Decatur.
Stephanie Vance will be the speaker on the topic of local advocacy. What you can do to promote your library services to funding agencies.

Legislative Day: February 19, 2008.

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD 2007

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Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i><u>Regional:</u></i>				
Outreach	103,400.00	25,850.00	77,550.00	25.00%
Interest	4,000.00	860.42	3,139.58	21.51%
Personnel	627,679.43	156,919.86	470,759.57	25.00%
Materials	124,761.19	31,190.30	93,570.89	25.00%
System Services Grant	135,427.70	33,856.93	101,570.78	25.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	145,122.00	36,280.50	108,841.50	25.00%
Totals	<u>1,140,390.32</u>	<u>284,958.00</u>	<u>855,432.32</u>	<u>24.99%</u>
 <i><u>Athens-Clarke County:</u></i>				
Board of Commissioners	1,596,816.00	399,204.00	1,197,612.00	25.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	171,731.00	47,609.52	124,121.48	27.72%
Interest	6,000.00	1,022.42	4,977.58	17.04%
Totals	<u>1,787,547.00</u>	<u>447,835.94</u>	<u>1,339,711.06</u>	<u>25.05%</u>
 <i><u>Franklin County:</u></i>				
Board of Commissioners	30,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00	25.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	0.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon Carnesville & Franklin Springs	-	13,625.01	-	44.89%
Fines and Fees	30,351.00	1,702.02	16,725.99	28.37%
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>22,827.03</u>	<u>73,523.97</u>	<u>23.69%</u>
 <i><u>Madison County:</u></i>				
Board of Commissioners	160,929.00	40,232.25	120,696.75	25.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	14,408.00	3,649.77	10,758.23	25.33%
Totals	<u>175,337.00</u>	<u>43,882.02</u>	<u>131,454.98</u>	<u>25.03%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

<i>Revenue:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	368,450.00	92,112.50	276,337.50	25.00%
Board of Education	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	11,000.00	11,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	7,063.13	18,436.87	27.70%
Totals	<u>450,950.00</u>	<u>150,175.63</u>	<u>300,774.37</u>	<u>33.30%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Board of Commissioners	53,500.00	11,625.03	41,874.97	21.73%
Board of Education	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	-	100.00	0.00%
City of Lexington	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Money	8,500.00	2,105.54	6,394.46	24.77%
Meeting Room	300.00	65.00	235.00	21.67%
Transfer from Reserve	6,303.00	-	6,303.00	0.00%
Totals	<u>84,903.00</u>	<u>14,295.57</u>	<u>70,607.43</u>	<u>16.84%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u><u>3,735,478.32</u></u>	 <u><u>963,974.19</u></u>	 <u><u>2,771,504.13</u></u>	 <u><u>25.81%</u></u>

Athens Regional Library
FY2008
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Regional:</i>				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,516.00	2,122.62	6,393.38	24.93%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	1,447.55	5,362.45	21.26%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	1,559.28	2,440.72	38.98%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	1,498.49	1.51	99.90%
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	3,025.10	11,974.90	20.17%
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	(714.00)	12,714.00	-5.95%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	461.00	(461.00)	
Postage	7,000.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	35.71%
Travel	7,012.00	1,227.34	5,784.66	17.50%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	87.00	1,913.00	4.35%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	925.00	1,075.00	46.25%
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	-	2,420.00	0.00%
Insurance	17,142.00	-	17,142.00	0.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	7,002.59	14,997.41	31.83%
Personnel	627,679.43	156,919.86	470,759.57	25.00%
Materials	124,761.19	31,190.30	93,570.89	25.00%
System Services Grant*	135,427.70	33,856.93	101,570.78	25.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	145,122.00	36,280.50	108,841.50	25.00%
Totals	<u>1,140,390.32</u>	<u>279,389.55</u>	<u>861,000.77</u>	<u>24.50%</u>
<i>Athens-Clarke County:</i>				
Outreach	44,000.00	11,000.00	33,000.00	25.00%
Personnel	1,519,851.00	349,525.86	1,170,325.14	23.00%
Operating Expenses	<u>223,696.00</u>	<u>63,876.54</u>	<u>159,819.46</u>	<u>28.56%</u>
Totals	<u>1,787,547.00</u>	<u>424,402.40</u>	<u>1,363,144.60</u>	<u>23.74%</u>

Athens Regional Library
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% of Budget Expended</u>
<i>Franklin County:</i>				
Outreach	15,000.00	3,750.00	11,250.00	25.00%
Personnel	73,576.00	18,450.61	55,125.39	25.08%
Operating Expenses	<u>7,775.00</u>	<u>673.72</u>	<u>7,101.28</u>	<u>8.67%</u>
Totals	<u>96,351.00</u>	<u>22,874.33</u>	<u>73,476.67</u>	<u>23.74%</u>
<i>Madison County:</i>				
Outreach	14,900.00	3,725.00	11,175.00	25.00%
Personnel	127,988.00	32,761.92	95,226.08	25.60%
Operating Expenses	<u>32,449.00</u>	<u>8,119.40</u>	<u>24,329.60</u>	<u>25.02%</u>
Totals	<u>175,337.00</u>	<u>44,606.32</u>	<u>130,730.68</u>	<u>25.44%</u>
<i>Oconee County:</i>				
Outreach	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	25.00%
Personnel	384,232.00	88,080.83	296,151.17	22.92%
Operating Expenses	<u>46,718.00</u>	<u>2,881.42</u>	<u>43,836.58</u>	<u>6.17%</u>
Totals	<u>450,950.00</u>	<u>95,962.25</u>	<u>354,987.75</u>	<u>21.28%</u>
<i>Oglethorpe County:</i>				
Outreach	9,500.00	2,375.00	7,125.00	25.00%
Personnel	65,642.00	14,605.67	51,036.33	22.25%
Operating Expenses	<u>9,761.00</u>	<u>1,577.67</u>	<u>8,183.33</u>	<u>16.16%</u>
Totals	<u>84,903.00</u>	<u>18,558.34</u>	<u>66,344.66</u>	<u>21.86%</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>3,735,478.32</u>	 <u>885,793.19</u>	 <u>2,849,685.13</u>	 <u>23.71%</u>

**ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**
(condensed for Regional Board on October 18, 2007)

Management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Athens Regional Library System (ARLS) is intended to provide the reader of these financial statements with an overview of the System's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2006.

Overview of The Athens Regional Library System

A regional library system by definition is a group of county library boards located in multi-jurisdictional political areas with an operating agreement to provide centralized management, ordering of materials, financial responsibilities, and professional library services under the authority of a regional library board.

Member library boards of the Athens Regional Library System are Athens-Clarke, Franklin, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe Counties. Government funding is received from each of the counties, several boards of education and some cities within each county.

The accounting records of the Athens Regional Library System are maintained in a manner to allow each local board to receive a detailed statement of net assets and fund financial statements specific to its funding level. Regional dues are allocated to a separate fund to cover those expenditures that are incurred by the regional offices. The following reports combine all operating information into one *government-wide financial statement*.

Financial Highlights for 2006

- * End of Year June Rebate/Supplemental System Services Grant of \$24,165.20 received from Georgia Public Library Services. Funds were used to buy materials, needed supplies and computer software for the region.

- *Received Library Services and Technology Act grant funds in the amount of \$6,650.00 for 2006 Vacation Reading Program, \$2,000 for the Network Security Grant and \$5,700.00 for a Spanish Language Outreach Grant.

- *Continued Year 2 of the Institute of Library and Museum Sciences grant for Pinewoods Hispanic Library. This IMLS National Leadership Grant award was \$70,421.

- *The Endowment continues its exclusive support for the Athens-Clarke County with over \$594,344 in money market funds and investments.

General revenues were \$2,262,313 and accounted for 65% of total revenue for fiscal year 2006. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions were \$1,256,216. Expenses related to governmental activities were \$3,725,415 million.

Director's Report

October 18, 2007

I regret I am missing this quarterly meeting. I am attending the Georgia Library Association meetings being held at Jekyll Island—a tough job, but someone's gotta do it! Actually, I'm participating in 3 different programs on Thursday: Outsourcing library services [in particular, cataloging], the Pinnacle Leadership Institute, and the Awards Banquet where Miguel Vicente of our Pinewoods Library is receiving the Charles Beard Scholarship. My hope is to also visit the exhibits looking for new equipment and downloadable audio services.

This quarter has been filled with several projects. We applied for several grants including the MRR grants for Royston and Oglethorpe Counties and we have one pending for Oconee County's plumbing repairs. A grant from the Institute from Museums and Libraries for the Pinewoods Library was rejected but with some excellent suggestions for next year's proposal and encouragement to reapply. We did however receive a grant from the Institute for Mexicans Living Abroad for \$14,000 for Pinewoods which covers part-time staff and a gift of \$6000 from the Athens Rotary Club for Pinewoods to buy equipment and software. We still are searching for approximately \$12,000 to cover the rent of the doublewide classroom building, and have 2 more grants pending. We've also had several creative grants from the Grassroots Arts Program for Franklin, Madison and Athens-Clarke Counties.

In August, we welcomed Donna Brumby as our new Extension Librarian and began her orientation with a tour of the region visiting all libraries in the system. Donna came to us from Gwinnett County [she served as a manager of the tech school library which is a part of the Gwinnett public library system.] She is also very experienced in collection development and will be working closely with all libraries to evaluate collections and to bolster areas in need.

Other Personnel News:

Erik Bobilin, reference librarian, has resigned to search for a library position in New York City. Erik began as a "floater" for the region and filled in during illness and vacations for several years.

Janet Clapp, a reference librarian and Friends of the Oconee County Board member, who worked as a part-time evening and weekend librarian, will assume a 25 hour per week position. **Theresa Flynn** has also joined the staff as a reference librarian.

Sarah Hoskins is the new Volunteer Coordinator and Library Store Manager in Athens. Sarah comes to us from Indiana where she worked as a volunteer coordinator for a health program.

Special Recognition

Jeff Tate, reference librarian in Athens, was awarded a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council for the program *Jazz* which continues this week.

Trudi Green, team leader of information services, has been awarded a grant from the American Library Association for a traveling exhibit of Ben Franklin which will begin in 2008. We also anticipate receiving an Abraham Lincoln exhibit following that.

Kim James Kibbey, regional outreach specialist, has been selected for a scholarship to the National Association of Black Storytellers conference. Kim is the Homebound person and also works at East Athens where she has developed a reading incentive program.

Carrie Mumah, regional public relations specialist, received a scholarship to attend the *Marketing* section of the Certified Public Library Leadership program recently held in Atlanta.

The 2-day session featured Wayne Pieper from the Ohio Library Council. Donna Brumby has been selected to attend the 2-day workshop on *Diversity* and Clare Auwarter and I have been invited to attend the *Fundraising* component of the program.

Miguel Vicente, working with the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, has received a grant to provide a *Club Hero* program at Pinewoods. This grant will cover the salary of **Nichol Adwalla**, who works part time with that program.

Miguel Vicente and I also developed an application for the Mexican Consulate to provide support for our adult education program, particularly ESL and computer skills. The grant is for \$15,000 and is one of 3 in Georgia to be funded [another grant went to Clarke Central High School. We initially worked with their ESL teachers to demonstrate how the Plaza Comunitaria program could help students understand math and science; this program is now a part of the State Board of Education curriculum for students with English as a Second Language and we think our success played a part in that adoption!]

Staff Development Day, Sept. 27

The theme of the day was *Web 2.0 – the Way to Go* and included all regular staff. The Committee included Trudi Green and Clare Auwarter [Oconee] as co-chairs, Greg Deal, Natalie Wright, Judy Atwood, Karen Douglas, Marsha Carlan, Holly Bowden, Carrie Mumah, Amber Wilkerson, MaryAnne Driver, Diane Williams, and Donna Brumby. In addition Mike Kastellec [Oconee], Alyssa Claytor [Madison], Erik Bobilin, Theresa Flynn, and Kim Kibbey served as trainers.

The day began with a rousing speech from Cliff Landis who is a reference librarian at Valdosta and who also teaches in the MLIS program there. It was followed by hands-on opportunities to use Google, RSS feeds, Flickr and Del.icio.us. While not all staff may use these networking sites, the Committee believed that all staff should have some awareness of their existence and the contents available. The day ended with remarks by Dr. Kristina Jaskyte of the UGA School of Social Work. Dr. Jaskyte talked about coping with change and creativity.

As always, the success of the day depends on the quantity and quality of food! Special thanks to the Friends of the Libraries in each of our libraries who contributed funds to buy snacks—we had them in abundance! The food committee also did a great job with breakfast from Big City Bread and lunch items from Lee Epting.

Other Issues

- One of the most important issues facing Athens is the need for the construction project to be included on the Governor's funding list. We are continuing to meet with Office of Planning and Budget—the analyst for the Board of Regents and public libraries was unaware that the construction cap was \$3 million years ago. Talk with our Senator and Representatives about construction and the need for Athens to be included on the public library list!!!
- In consultation with attorney, Bill Berryman, we have requested a release from the former employee who tested positive for drugs after having wrecked the library's station wagon. Her attorney sought a new department of labor termination form. With Bill's advice, we offered her a new form with an agreement that she would not claim unemployment compensation, damages, or ADA violation.
- The Georgia Council of Public Libraries will again be promoting the *Buck for Books* campaign. We are currently up to 57 cents per capita so this promotion has made progress. We are asking for an additional \$2 million this year to bring the total to approximately 70 cents per capita. Please do mention this to our legislators as well.
- Friends of Georgia Libraries will be offering a program featuring Stephanie Vance in Decatur on November 16. The topic is advocating for increased local funding so it will have ideas for everyone! Wally Eberhard and I serve on the FOGL board and hope you

will be able to attend. Registration will be covered by the library system and rides to the Decatur Library may be available. Please let us know if you are interested.

- The Annual Report has just been completed. A full outline of statistics will be available as soon as we can compile them. We have also just completed the FY2006 audit and are very much looking forward to moving to the Blackbaud Accounting Consortium beginning with conversion in November and December.
- We are working with a group from UGA Libraries on a multi-site project called "The Big Read" which will likely be held in September 2008. The purpose of this is to encourage discussion of a specific book and to host activities that relate to the topics brought up by the book. The book will be *Bless Me Ultima* and several Latino partners will be included in the planning. We anticipate this title will appeal to young adults as well as the general public. Copies of the book will be available in all branches of the system and our staff will work with the branches to plan special tie-in events.
- We are also working with Athens Leisure Services to plan a special Art Outside the Box event one Saturday in the Spring. In this case, we are hoping to offer art/music in unexpected places including the Library.

I am serving on the Public Library Services Planning Committee representing large multi-county public libraries. The group has had several meetings and has outlined several goals for state level provision of services to the public libraries in the state. There will be one final meeting in November to determine the activities that must be included in the plan. After much discussion, it was agreed that the role of the state library is to provide consulting services to the public libraries of Georgia and administration of grants to individual systems. We agreed that grants should be available based on the population of systems and number of counties rather than the one-size-fits-all approach that has been in effect recently. The state library will also provide advocacy and leadership in various areas.

The Regents Advisory Committee has also been active in making recommendations for changes in policy. All 12 members of the Committee agree—regional library systems enable smaller counties to offer their residents a more comprehensive level of service than those which stand alone and are not adequately funded. Our emphasis will be to develop incentives for the development and continuation of systems that serve multiple counties, and to establish quality standards of service for all libraries.

Please be sure to thank a Friend this week and next! These special groups do deserve recognition for helping to support our libraries and for providing those "extras" that our regular budget cannot stretch to cover.



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RE: Los otorgamientos de IME Becas 2007-2008

Estimado Solicitante,

Es un placer informarle que el Comité de Selección Independiente ha otorgado una beca en respaldo de su propuesta para el Fondo de Apoyo IME Becas en la cantidad de \$14,000 para el ciclo de 2007-2008. Como en otros años, las decisiones se hicieron después de revisar todas las propuestas cerca los criterios. Recibimos 172 propuestas este año. Esta gran cantidad de propuestas dio énfasis a la importancia de adherir a los criterios con mucha atención y cuidado para poder dar becas al máximo numero de solicitantes.

Durante los siguientes seis semanas, la Universidad de California procesará los cheques para las becas. Cuando ya están listos, les mandamos el cheque y las instrucciones para confirmar los fondos y requerimientos de reportajes. El periodo de los proyectos este año es 3 de octubre, 2007 -- el 31 de agosto 2008. El reporte del progreso del proyecto debería estar en nuestra oficina el 31 de mayo. Esperamos los reportes finales de todos los proyectos, el 15 de septiembre 2008.

Mientras que siguen haciendo preparaciones para poner en practica su programa, por favor ponga mayor atención a sus presupuestos para estos fondos. Según la Convocatoria 2007, la intención de este fondo de apoyo *es subsidiar los estudios de inmigrantes mexicanos mayores de quince años interesados en continuar su educación; o bien para cubrir los estipendio de Asesores Educativos (facilitadores o promotores) y coordinadores de Programas Educativos para Adultos que benefician a nacionales mexicanos o de origen mexicano.*

Los recursos del programa IME Becas **no podrán utilizarse** para gastos de organización, viáticos, o compra de equipo (incluyendo computadoras o accesorios computacionales). Tampoco se podrán utilizarse para gastos de desarrollar una pagina del Internet, supervisores en línea de computador, gastos de guardería, o publicidad. Sí tiene alguna pregunta acerca de su presupuesto favor de llamar a nuestra oficina (510) 643-6082.

Finalmente, les felicitamos y deseamos que tengan mucho éxito en su programa. Esperamos que los fondos del Programa IME Becas este año les ayuden en ofrecer un programa de educación que aplique bien a las necesidades de su comunidad.

Sinceramente,

Dra. Celia R. Reyes
Directora de Programas de Becas



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RE: 2007-2008 IME Fellowship Award

Dear IME Becas Applicant,

I am pleased to inform you that the Selection Committee has awarded your proposal a grant from the IME Becas fund for the 2007-2008 grant cycle, in the amount of \$14,000. As in previous years, the decisions were based on a competitive review of the applications. There were 172 proposals submitted this year. This large number of applicants underscored the importance of adhering to the criteria for the award in a thoughtful and thorough manner so that the maximum number of awards could be granted.

Over the course of the next several weeks, the University of California will process all of the award checks. We will then send you the check and specific instructions for confirmation of your funding and reporting requirements. This year's project period is October 3, 2007—August 31, 2008. A progress report will be due May 31, 2008. Final reports will be due September 15, 2008.

As you continue preparing to implement your program, please pay careful attention to the expenditures that you budget for this funding. Per the Request for Proposals, 2007, the intent of the legislation that generated these funds is to *subsidize the studies of adult immigrants 15 years or older who are Mexican citizens living in the United States and are interested in continuing their education; to cover the stipends of educational advisors (mentors, facilitators, or promoters), and coordinators of adult education programs that serve immigrant students of Mexican citizenship.*

Funding from the IME Scholarship Program **cannot** be used for any type of administrative costs, travel expenses, or equipment purchases, including computers or computer accessories. Also, funds may not be allocated to cover the costs of web page development, on-line supervisors, childcare, or publicity. If you have questions about your funding allocations, please call our office (510) 643-6082.

Again, congratulations, we wish you much success in your program. We are hopeful that funding from this year's IME Becas Program will assist you in providing an education program tailored to the needs of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Celia R. Reyes".

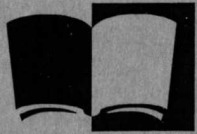
Celia R. Reyes, Ph.D.
Director of Fellowship Programs

GPLS FY2008 Major Repair and Renovation Grant Program for Public Libraries
\$900,000 in Matching Funds to Award

System	Facility	Total Cost of Project	State Contribution	Local Contribution	Project Priority	Comments
ROUND ONE GRANT AWARDS SEPTEMBER 2007						
Thomas County Public Library System	Pavo Public Library	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 8,825.00	\$ 8,825.00	Structural	Replace unstable floor and upgrade sub-floor.
Statesboro Regional Library System	Bulloch County Library Central Library	\$ 211,969.00	\$ 105,984.50	\$ 105,984.50	Roof	Replace entire roof. Repair damages as a result of roof leaks.
Athens Regional Library System	Royston Public Library	\$ 35,200.00	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 17,600.00	Roof	Roof repair and interior repairs as a result of roof leaks.
East Central Georgia Regional Library System	Maxwell Branch Library	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 15,125.00	\$ 15,125.00	Roof	Roof replacement.
Athens Regional Library System	Oglethorpe County Library	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,250.00	Roof	Replace valleys and ventilation. Replace damaged shingles.
Sara Hightower Regional Library System	Cedartown Branch Library	\$ 27,970.80	\$ 13,985.40	\$ 13,985.40	Roof	Replace existing gutter system w/ external system. Repair damage to internal walls, as a result of roof leaks.
East Central Georgia Regional Library System	Appleby Branch Library	\$ 26,950.00	\$ 13,475.00	\$ 13,475.00	Roof	Roof replacement.
East Central Georgia Regional Library System	Friedman Branch Library	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 9,900.00	Roof	Flashing replacement, replace shingles & felt.
Ocmulgee Regional Library System	Tessie W. Norris/Cochran-Bleckley Co. Library	\$ 19,745.00	\$ 9,872.50	\$ 9,872.50	Roof	Roof replacement.
Coastal Plain Regional Library System	Irwin County Library	\$ 15,125.00	\$ 7,562.50	\$ 7,562.50	Roof	Shingle replacement
Newton County Library System	Covington Branch Library	\$ 92,619.00	\$ 46,309.50	\$ 46,309.50	HVAC	Replace existing chiller unit
Southwest Georgia Regional Library System	Decatur County-Gilbert H Gragg Library	\$ 70,062.00	\$ 35,031.00	\$ 35,031.00	HVAC	HVAC repair and repair damages as a result of moisture intrusion from faulty HVAC system.
Hall County Library System	East Hall Branch Library	\$ 55,550.00	\$ 27,775.00	\$ 27,775.00	HVAC	Replace existing HVAC system, install heat pump and add mechanical room to house unit.
Hall County Library System	Murrayville Branch Library	\$ 55,550.00	\$ 27,775.00	\$ 27,775.00	HVAC	Replace existing HVAC system, install heat pump and add mechanical room to house unit.
Okefenokee Regional Library System	Alma-Bacon County Public Library	\$ 44,800.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 22,400.00	HVAC	Remove and replace old heat pump with new system.
West Georgia Regional Library System	Neva Lomason Memorial Library	\$ 41,395.20	\$ 20,697.60	\$ 20,697.60	HVAC	Replace existing roof-top HVAC units.
Ocmulgee Regional Library System	Wilcox County Library	\$ 25,148.20	\$ 12,574.10	\$ 12,574.10	HVAC	Replace existing HVAC packaged units.
Bartow County Library System	Cartersville Public Library	\$ 23,017.50	\$ 11,508.75	\$ 11,508.75	HVAC	Replace two rooftop heat pump units.
Uncle Remus Regional Library System	Jasper County Library	\$ 22,953.70	\$ 11,476.85	\$ 11,476.85	HVAC	Replace four 5-ton HVAC units
Uncle Remus Regional Library System	Greene County Library	\$ 22,871.86	\$ 11,435.93	\$ 11,435.93	HVAC	Replace 10-ton heat pump package unit.
Forsyth County Public Library System	Cumming Library	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 8,550.00	HVAC	Replace rooftop HVAC unit.
West Georgia Regional Library System	Talapoosa Public Library	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 6,490.00	\$ 6,490.00	HVAC	Replace existing roof-top HVAC units.
Thomas County Public Library System	Coolidge Public Library	\$ 12,246.28	\$ 6,123.14	\$ 6,123.14	HVAC	Replace air-conditioner unit and repair roof as a result of HVAC work to be performed.
Newton County Library System	Covington Branch	\$ 10,505.00	\$ 5,252.50	\$ 5,252.50	HVAC	Replacing two primary bearing assembly's in cooling tower.
Forsyth County Public Library System	Cumming Library	\$ 10,175.00	\$ 5,087.50	\$ 5,087.50	HVAC	Emergency replacement of 20-ton rooftop HVAC unit.
West Georgia Regional Library System	Heard County Public Library	\$ 9,222.03	\$ 4,611.01	\$ 4,611.01	HVAC	Replace existing, inadequate residential units, with one 5-ton unit.
Coastal Plain Regional Library System	Irwin County Library	\$ 8,877.00	\$ 4,438.50	\$ 4,438.50	HVAC	Replace existing HVAC unit.
Ohoopee Regional Library System	Montgomery County Library	\$ 5,637.50	\$ 2,818.75	\$ 2,818.75	HVAC	Replace existing HVAC unit.
Athens Regional Library System	Oglethorpe County Library	\$ 11,742.00	\$ 5,871.00	\$ 5,871.00	HVAC	Replace existing 5-ton unit and install new controller in 15-ton unit.
Hall County Library System	Gainesville Branch Library	\$ 101,704.90	\$ 50,852.45	\$ 50,852.45	Mechanical Systems	Repair of library's main conveyance system.
Mountain Regional Library System	Mountain Regional Central Library	\$ 37,400.00	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 18,700.00	Envelope issues (doors & windows)	Repair and replacement of doors and windows to prevent moisture intrusion.
Roddenberry Memorial Library System	Roddenberry Memorial Library	\$ 33,535.00	\$ 16,767.50	\$ 16,767.50	Envelope issues (doors & windows)	Repair and replacement of doors and windows to prevent moisture intrusion.
Round ONE Totals		\$ 1,146,251.97	\$ 573,125.98	\$ 573,125.98		

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2008 New Year's Day
January 21, 2008 Martin Luther King Birthday
March 23, 2008 Easter Sunday
May 26, 2008 Memorial Day
July 4, 2008 Independence Day
September 1, 2008 Labor Day
November 27, 2008 Thanksgiving Day
December 24, 25, 26, 2008 Christmas Holidays



GEORGIA COUNCIL OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

GCPL Legislative Agenda/Discussion Points—FY09 Budget

Operational Funding

- A-Buck-for-Books Campaign

Thank you for the \$2 million for books again last year, making this a continuation budget item. We ask your support to add \$2 million in FY09, continuing progress toward \$1 per capita for library books to the existing library state aid program. This would translate to an added 22 cents per capita for library materials grants.

- Library State Aid Formula Modification

Inequities have developed in the state aid formula over the years. During FY '07, the population cap was increased so that some problems were addressed for the larger metropolitan systems. An increase of 9 cents per capita in FY '09 would help revise and simplify the existing funding formula and take the first step toward establishing a more equitable formula for all public libraries statewide.

Capital Outlay

- Construction Grants for Public Libraries

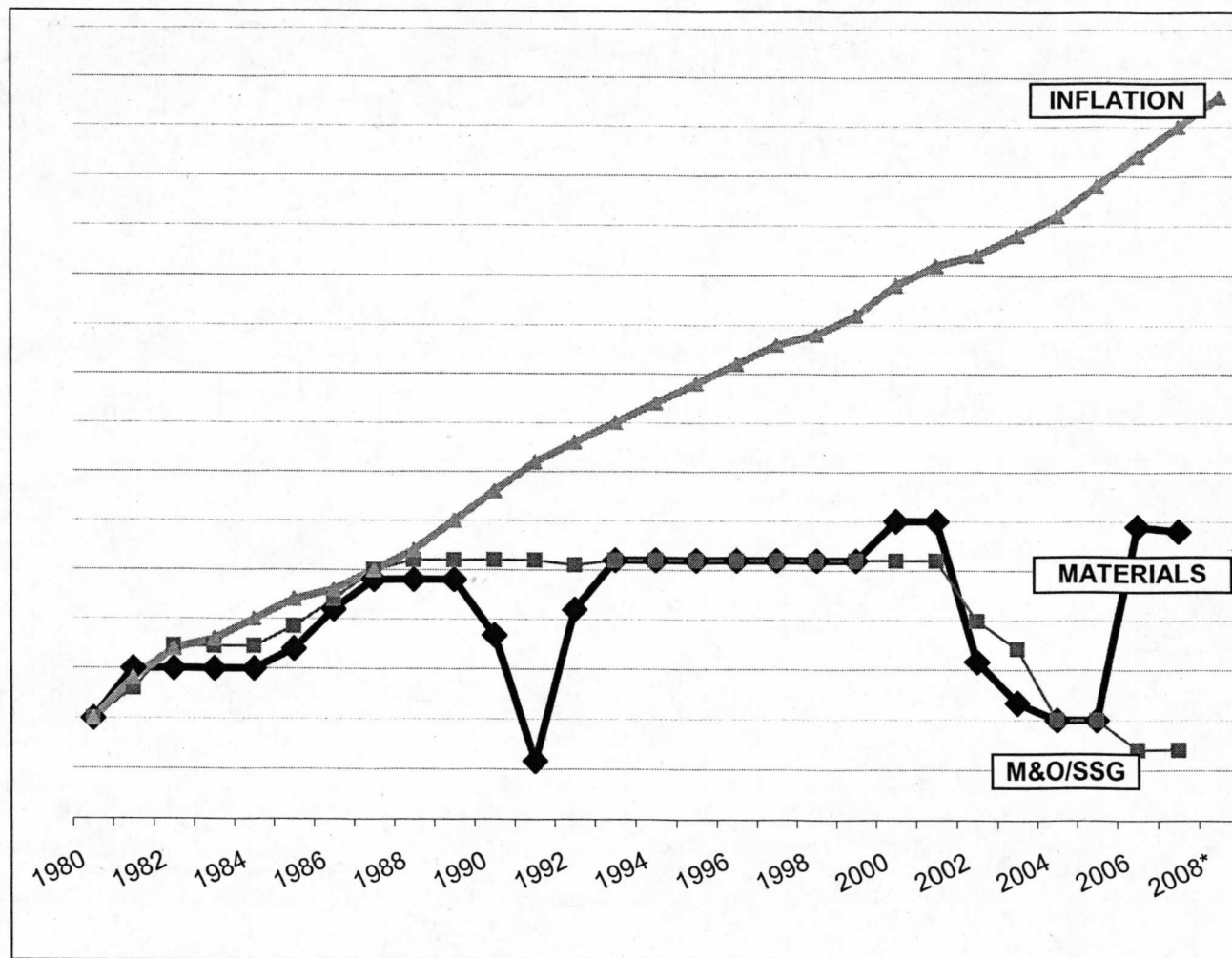
Secure annual availability of state Capital Outlay funding for local library projects which already have matching funds on hand and have met all state program requirements.

(Public libraries have enjoyed an honored partnership between the state and local governments to share the cost of library buildings. When local governments have already raised matching funds before applying for a state capital outlay grant, and the state's matching share is not then put in the budget, or that grant is vetoed, local governments and library boards feel the state is abandoning the 30-year partnership.)

<i>Library System</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State Share</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Total Project Cost</i>
Conyers-Rockdale Library System	Conyers Rockdale Central Library	Conyers	Rockdale	\$2,000,000	\$3,294,715	\$5,294,715
Coweta County Public Library System	Senoia Public Library	Senoia	Coweta	\$1,228,571	\$500,000	\$1,728,571
Coweta County Public Library System	Grantville Public Library	Grantville	Coweta	\$665,714	\$500,000	\$1,165,714
Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System	Mildred L. Terry Branch Library	Columbus	Muscogee	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000
Sara Hightower Regional Library System	Rockmart Library	Rockmart	Polk	\$1,899,500	\$774,750	\$2,674,250
West Georgia Regional Library System	Fairplay Public Library	Unincorporated Area	Douglas	\$2,000,000	\$1,857,143	\$3,857,143
Okefenokee Regional Library System	Pierce County Public Library	Blackshear	Pierce	\$1,644,823	\$750,000	\$2,394,823
DeKalb County Public Library System	DeKalb County Public Library Central Library Annex	Unincorporated Area	DeKalb	\$2,000,000	\$4,002,857	\$6,002,857
Sequoyah Regional Library System	R. T. Jones Memorial Library	Canton	Cherokee	\$1,052,207	\$352,007	\$1,404,214
Athens Regional Library System	Athens-Clarke County Library	Athens	Clarke	\$2,000,000	\$8,215,240	\$10,215,240
				\$14,990,815	\$22,246,712	\$37,237,527

STATE OF GEORGIA
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (SYSTEM SERVICES)
AND MATERIALS
GRANTS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES
1980 - 2008

YEAR	MATERIALS CENTS PER CAPITA	M&O** CENTS PER CAPITA	ESTIMATED INFLATION LEVELS
1980	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
1981	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.44
1982	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
1983	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.48
1984	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.50
1985	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.52
1986	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.53
1987	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.55
1988	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.57
1989	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.60
1990	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.63
1991	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.66
1992	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.68
1993	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.70
1994	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.72
1995	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.74
1996	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.76
1997	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.78
1998	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.79
1999	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.81
2000	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.84
2001	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.86
2002	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.87
2003	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.89
2004	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.91
2005	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.94
2006	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.97
2007*	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.00
2008*	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.03
* Estimated averages per capita.			
** Now called System Services Grant			



Adjusted and updated: September 13, 2007

Per capita funds vary by system.

Inflation Data Source: <http://www.bls.gov/home.htm>

8%

27% Increase

Library System	Total # Book & Materials Circulation FY07	# Print materials available 6/30/07	# Children attending programs during Vacation Reading Program Summer 2007	# Public Access Computers in public libraries 6/30/2007
Athens Regional Library System	1,047,430	337,687	16,565	274
Atlanta-Fulton Public Library	3,259,982	2,329,158	39,945	761
Bartow County Library	366,995	96,419	2,833	102
Bartram Trail Regional Library	78,823	101,841	3,064	36
Brooks County Library	28,352	48,487	452	23
Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library	1,272,372	314,952	20,587	302
Chattooga County Library	51,074	47,069	933	42
Cherokee Regional Library	179,254	178,436	3,020	55
Chestatee Regional Library	310,844	87,876	2,167	31
Clayton County Library	680,049	439,400	9,790	156
Coastal Plain Regional Library	345,041	224,430	2,933	57
Cobb County Public Library	3,819,765	982,019	12,017	314
Conyers-Rockdale Library	281,443	104,074	2,279	40
DeKalb County Public Library	3,491,216	826,239	11,060	356
De Soto Trail Regional Library	171,560	83,858	4,790	54
Dougherty County Public Library	541,503	296,240	3,124	113
East Central Georgia Regional Library	1,217,314	618,439	14,961	286
Elbert County Public Library	72,040	71,287	654	30
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library	51,243	57,066	1,339	15
Flint River Regional Library	2,145,441	455,154	11,407	213
Forsyth County Public Library	1,257,911	199,185	4,713	78
Gwinnett County Public Library	6,493,914	866,083	7,150	356
Hall County Library	562,664	226,089	1,830	126
Hart County Library	17,260	34,975	193	8
Henry County Library	548,866	158,649	4,491	114
Houston County Public Libraries	391,183	181,115	3,034	108
Jefferson County Library	48,454	54,485	882	24
Kinchafoonee Regional Library	103,691	92,234	2,171	53
Lake Blackshear Regional Library	150,614	205,438	1,015	75
Lee County Public Library	124,275	64,744	1,890	45
Live Oak Public Libraries	1,435,301	469,621	11,201	250
Middle Georgia Regional Library	1,043,403	499,208	5,036	161
Moultrie-Colquitt County Library	113,828	117,662	941	32
Mountain Regional Library	392,173	90,304	1,305	64
Newton County Library	652,377	112,029	2,278	61
Northeast Georgia Regional Library	478,250	204,875	4,997	88
Northwest Georgia Regional Library	623,406	351,144	4,221	80
Ocmulgee Regional Library	68,534	121,429	2,028	61
Oconee Regional Library	222,678	176,717	5,379	85
Ohoopee Regional Library	117,204	133,807	1,747	39
Okefenokee Regional Library	108,865	146,036	2,469	60
Peach Public Libraries	42,658	63,296	1,752	41
Piedmont Regional Library	411,944	224,043	9,649	114
Pine Mountain Regional Library	137,559	116,653	2,423	74
Roddenberry Memorial Library	77,036	61,333	2,487	22
Sara Hightower Regional Library	620,310	397,876	8,080	87
Satilla Regional Library	74,171	133,602	1,651	48
Screven-Jenkins Regional Library	89,311	72,152	794	48
Sequoyah Regional Library	1,015,926	325,833	3,360	174
South Georgia Regional Library	374,686	218,916	3,528	73
Southwest Georgia Regional Library	215,150	163,760	2,996	75
Statesboro Regional Library	405,628	206,049	4,412	68
Thomas County Public Library	176,867	108,461	3,501	64
Three Rivers Regional Library	641,266	322,801	8,601	172
Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library	537,382	287,975	5,444	135
Twin Lakes Library System	162,959	77,640	1,548	33
Uncle Remus Regional Library	371,770	250,450	4,890	118
West Georgia Regional Library	1,202,342	604,406	14,287	213
Totals	40,923,557	15,841,206	312,294	6,787

**PINES Member Libraries
September 2007**

System Name	Population Served (FY08)	Circulation FY07	Items in Collection
1. Athens Regional Library	198,120	1,016,403	381,682
2. Bartram Trail Regional Library	33,769	90,429	104,181
3. Brooks County Library	15,483	36,442	60,282
4. Chattooga County Library	26,424	51,900	505,505
5. Cherokee Regional Library	80,520	187,738	176,589
6. Chestatee Regional Library	48,318	315,317	95,772
7. Clayton County Library	295,451	764,333	411,879
8. Coastal Plain Regional Library	92,944	410,832	230,387
9. DeSoto Trail Regional Library	59,861	165,870	142,627
10. Dougherty County Public Library	90,200	513,508	327,600
11. East Central Georgia Regional Library	332,911	1,156,858	623,322
12. Elbert County Public Library	20,675	76,575	76,986
13. Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Library	16,517	54,813	60,205
14. Flint River Regional Library	257,006	2,110,453	455,930
15. Hall County Library	181,300	589,125	243,617
16. Hart County Library	23,639	18,894	40,713
17. Henry County Library	199,962	408,624	160,979
18. Houston County Public Library	133,676	409,660	190,282
19. Jefferson County Library	16,054	44,168	58,630
20. Kinchafoonee Regional Library	27,047	102,164	96,081
21. Lee County Public Library	33,551	133,621	50,481
22. Middle Georgia Regional Library	223,307	1,224,497	496,368
23. Moultrie-Colquitt County Library	43,428	118,212	116,096
24. Mountain Regional Library	55,632	629,814	84,108
25. Newton County Library	98,795	639,713	141,133
26. Northeast Georgia Regional Library	109,356	462,215	199,968
27. Ocmulgee Regional Library	62,241	94,139	141,656
28. Oconee Regional Library	84,237	237,998	164,265
29. Ohoopsee Regional Library	54,676	111,527	136,298
30. Okefenokee Regional Library	85,925	157,621	147,411
31. Peach Public Libraries	24,482	36,303	62,828
32. Pine Mountain Regional	65,920	107,819	117,338
33. Roddenbery Memorial Library	24,845	76,506	62,252
34. Sara Hightower Regional Library	136,032	651,118	466,417
35. Satilla Regional Library	61,745	247,988	118,392
36. Screven-Jenkins Regional Library	24,122	74,419	83,767
37. Southwest Georgia Regional Library	42,942	226,733	173,261
38. Statesboro Regional Library	133,705	417,787	207,894
39. Three Rivers Regional Library	196,132	692,910	296,204
40. Twin Lakes Library (Baldwin County)	37,713	157,392	78,792
41. Uncle Remus Regional Library	162,164	672,848	247,697
42. West Georgia Regional Library	402,905	1,319,331	579,366
SUBTOTAL	4,313,732	17,014,617	8,615,241
Systems Added 2003-2007			
43. Conyers-Rockdale Library System	81,897	322,780	110,564
44. Piedmont Regional Library	137,857	346,530	206,875
45. South Georgia Regional Library	103,784	445,961	266,149
46. Thomas County Public Library	44,332	329,919	103,257
47. Troup-Harris Regional Library	90,644	534,482	288,903
SUBTOTAL	458,514	1,979,672	975,748
CURRENT PINES LIBRARIES TOTAL	4,772,246	18,994,289	9,590,989
Future Participants 2007-2008			
Lake Blackshear Regional Library (late 2007)	67,630	150,525	212,503
Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library (2008)	201,550	1,381,327	348,209
FUTURE PARTICIPANTS TOTAL	269,180	1,531,852	560,712
GRAND TOTAL	5,041,426	20,526,141	10,151,701

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Local Government Managers and Public Libraries: Partners for a Better Community

Managers Can Strategically Use Their Public Libraries to Achieve Community Priorities

Once considered quiet havens for study and research, modern public libraries are creating a new niche for themselves in community life. From bridging the digital divide to offering solutions to societal challenges, the public library has evolved into the essential "go to" facility for young and old alike—both physically and in cyberspace.

How effective libraries are in achieving their potential varies depending on how connected they are to the needs and opportunities within a community. Local government managers can play a critical role in helping libraries understand and fulfill community needs and obtain resources necessary for success.

One potential barrier to library effectiveness and integration with the local government is the variation in governance structures for the management of libraries. Not all library directors report to the local government manager. The library may

have a separate authority or board, may be part of a regional entity, or may provide services under a contract. Regardless of the governance structure, libraries are essential to communities, making it vitally important that managers and library directors form strategic partnerships to provide dynamic and responsive community support services. "The central question we have before us is how to connect the library with the local government. One of our core responsibilities as managers within a community is to connect the dots, horizontally and vertically,

in order to achieve the community's strategic objectives. We as managers need to think of public libraries as partners in this effort," said Ron Carlee, county manager, Arlington County, Virginia.

Libraries can easily be overlooked or forgotten in local government strategic planning processes. Because of the "discretionary" nature of library services, they may also be among the last to be considered in annual budgeting and programming cycles. Yet time after time, libraries are rated very highly in the measurement of service quality in

ICMA Local Government and Public Libraries Partnership Initiative—Advisory Committee

Members of the ICMA Local Government and Public Libraries Partnership Initiative Advisory Committee are committed to gaining and promoting an understanding of the role and value of the modern public library. Composed of 25 members from communities all across the United States, the initiative's advisory committee includes local government managers and public librarians. With a diversity of community size, type, and geographic location represented, the advisory committee provides the experience and reality check for ICMA and the Gates Foundation to explore the role of managers for the 21st century library. On August 16 and 17, 2007, at the Harold Washington Library Center in downtown Chicago, the committee met to discuss how local governments and public libraries can partner to improve communities. To see a full list of committee members, go to icma.org/public_libraries.

customer satisfaction surveys. The credibility that libraries have with residents provides a strong platform for their expanded roles. Al Roder, city administrator of Northfield, Minnesota, suggests that the challenge is to view libraries as a core "essential" function of local government. Libraries will thrive and find new and innovative ways to serve the community with the support and leadership role of the manager.

ICMA has formed an advisory committee designed to enable managers to explore their role as advocates for public libraries and as partners in enhancing community quality of life and sustainability, one of ICMA's long-term priorities. Members of the Advisory Committee for the ICMA Local Government and Public Libraries Partnership Initiative, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will also work to increase awareness among other local government officials.

Manager's role in supporting libraries

While the governance structure of a library strongly influences its relationship with the local government, its work still needs to be integrated with that of the broader community. In order to achieve such integration, the group defined the roles that the local government manager can take to provide greater support to public libraries.

Strategic Planning. The local government manager has one of the most comprehensive views of the community's vision and future available. As such, he or she can play a pivotal role in advising the library director on how the library's goals can best complement and reinforce the larger goals of the community. In particular, the manager can help the librarian determine if

the library's mission is consistent with that of the local government's. He or she can remove barriers to productive partnerships within the local government organization and encourage other departments, such as parks and recreation or social services, to work in conjunction with the library on projects. Finally, the local government manager can help align the library's efforts to provide Internet access with the broader communication needs of the community, for example, offering WiFi access.

Funding. Managers have a clear role in insuring that libraries have an adequate and dependable source of funding, as well as a seat at the table when budgets are being prepared. They can also help libraries gain nontraditional sources of funding. As libraries' roles evolve within the community, it makes sense that their ability to leverage resources with other local government departments that share the library's mission may become more commonplace. And, by showcasing and celebrating the important contributions of local libraries, managers can help librarians attract funding from philanthropic, non-profit, and for-profit organizations.

Public Support. By publicly promoting library programs and services, the manager draws community attention to the importance of the library and its contribution to overall quality of life. For example, by reading to kids during a library's story-time program, the manager lets the community and the library know he or she recognizes its worth. The manager can also function as a coach and mentor to the library director in garnering better community support—whether or not the library director reports to the manager. The manager can provide critical

opportunities for libraries to educate elected officials and residents about their work in public meetings, particularly helping them to do so in a meaningful way and using concise language. Likewise, managers can communicate with the library's board of trustees to educate them on the needs of the community and facilitate communication and increased interaction with elected officials.

Accountability. Just as all local government departments must be accountable for the work they do, so, too, are public libraries. By listening and better understanding the library's priorities, local government managers can assist library directors align their programs with the broad goals of the local government. Local government managers can help identify relevant performance indicators for the library and assure that the needs of all ages and other population groups within the community are being addressed.

The role libraries play and value they bring to a community

Michael Bryan, director of the Seminole Community Library in Florida, describes libraries as "the manifestation of democracy." As the most visible, physical symbol of a government's civic presence, libraries provide free and open access to knowledge and services to all residents regardless of income, race, and/or age. They are a neutral, respected gateway to information, a safe "third place"—a space between work and home—with equal access for all community members.

The Third Place. Libraries provide services for people of all ages and

needs. Seniors use the library as a social center, young children as a place to develop a love for reading and learning, and teenagers go there to study, use technology, and engage in constructive, fun activities. For new immigrants, libraries offer a means to learn about their new community and the local culture, or learn English. Libraries are a neutral haven where all people can feel comfortable and safe. Libraries can also provide a place to communicate information about local government programs, showcase local artists, and encourage civic engagement and discourse. Libraries function as a cultural center that celebrates diversity in the community.

Building Communities. Libraries are viable partners in community development projects and anchors for new retail centers and residential development. Libraries provide stability in neighborhoods, as well as symbolize positive change and local commitment when new facilities are built. They provide a means for individual residents and businesses to connect to their immediate community, as well as to the global world. Libraries are fundamental social and economic connectors in every neighborhood where they reside.

Education, Workforce, and Business Enhancement. According to a recent Urban Libraries Council report, Making Communities Stronger, libraries are contributing to their communities in many new and innovative ways. Libraries encourage literacy within the community in the broadest sense of the word. Early literacy programs help parents and child-care providers prepare children of all income levels for school. Adult programs build an educated workforce. Libraries facilitate workforce development by providing access to the Internet and technology training that helps local

residents learn new skills and apply for jobs. Many libraries are also offering technical assistance programs for small businesses.

Change Agent. Libraries are a focal point for neighborhood change. Several Chicago Public Library branches, have bridged affluent and previously blighted neighborhoods, helping to create new economic development, along with a safer, more stable community.

Libraries have become much louder places, just out of necessity, because people in neighborhoods need a library to be that third place, the place where they can come to find answers to questions they have.

Amy Eshleman, Assistant Commissioner
Chicago Public Library

In short, libraries can be important partners for local governments in improving the quality of residents' lives and increasing opportunities for all. Pete Giacomini, director of the Davis County Library in Utah, emphasizes the need for partnership, noting, "Equal effort is required on both sides. The local government manager and the library director must have a shared sense of excellence and be willing to work cooperatively with each other to provide services for the community."

The changing roles of public libraries

Libraries are a dynamic resource and play many roles in their com-

munity. They are no longer just a place to get books and quietly study. Community needs are evolving and libraries are changing with them. And libraries function inside and outside their four walls through literacy programs and bookmobiles, and form nontraditional partnerships with other government departments to better serve residents.

The rise of the Internet has turned libraries into a communication hub for everyone. The Chicago Public Library recognizes that 50 percent of their patrons come for Internet access. Adults and children without computers come to the library and learn to use the technology. Many libraries offer free WiFi, giving business people and students another place to work. Visitors and tourists are able to come in and check their e-mail. The Internet allows libraries to provide access to critical information and databases required by residents 24 hours a day/7 days a week. In Arlington County, Virginia, use of the library's Web site makes it the second largest branch in the system by use—all in a "virtual" world.

Libraries are designing and implementing unique ways to reach a tough community demographic—teenagers. Some offer gaming programs where teens can come in and use library computers for games with the provision that they also check out and read books. In Casper, Wyoming, City Manager Tom Forslund reported the public library has started to do prevention work to address two of that community's most pressing issues—drug abuse and high school drop-out rates. And from the Mathews Memorial Library in Mathews, Virginia, to the Carson City Library in Nevada, teens packed their public libraries for rock concerts.

Governance and community partnership models for libraries

There are many governance structures for libraries. Some library directors are on municipal executive management teams and report directly to the local government manager, others report to an appointed library board of directors, and several unique models were described at the advisory committee meeting, such as the two below.

The municipal library in South Burlington, Vermont, is physically located in the public high school and shares facilities with the high school library. The two libraries have separate budgets, with the public library paying the school \$75,000 per year for rent, utilities, and technology. The school provides IT and janitorial services,

while the municipal library provides most of the collection. The libraries have separate staffs, including two chief librarians who work together, one reporting to the school superintendent and the other reporting to the city manager. This relationship has been in place for over 30 years and works well for the community.

Corning, New York, and seven surrounding municipalities have created a public-private partnership with Three Rivers Development, a private, nonprofit economic development organization. A ten-year agreement was reached seven years ago to change the Corning Library to a free association library. The library became a nonprofit organization under the state education law. Three Rivers Development owns the library building and leases the space to the library; they are also the main funder of the library's endowment and the municipalities pay the

operating costs through their negotiated contracts. The municipalities' contracts define what services Three Rivers Development will provide and the cost of those services. The library's board of directors is made up of members appointed by the municipalities and Three Rivers Development.

Next steps

Local government managers across the United States need to have a greater awareness and understanding of the traditional, evolving, and potential role of libraries in the community. As this role continues to change and mature over time, local government managers need new information and tools to better integrate the work of libraries in helping to realize broader community goals. The advisory committee will be working in the coming months to develop a proposed plan for addressing these needs.

About ICMA

ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and advancing professional management of local government worldwide. ICMA provides member support; publications, data, and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to nearly 9,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world.

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U.S. Libraries Initiative

Computers and Internet connections have become an essential part of daily life in the United States. Millions of people, many of them in low-income communities, rely on public libraries for access to these technical tools and training. The foundation's goal is to help libraries continue to provide these services for the people who need them most.

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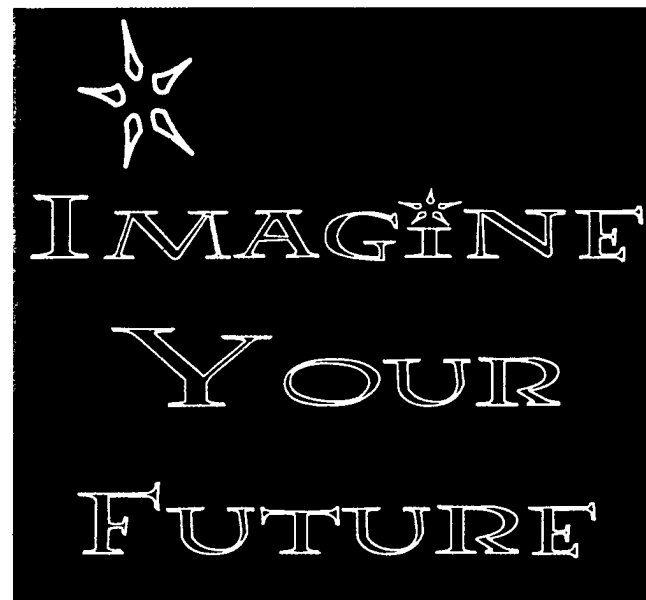
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Multiple Intelligences

How smart are you? For years the IQ, or intelligence quotient, test has been the standard by which a person's intelligence is judged. However, an IQ test generally only measures how well someone understands words or numbers. Psychologists have realized that not everyone thinks in the same way; some people are very good with words, but what about people who are very good at drawing pictures? Or people who excel at sports? Are they less intelligent than someone who can do complex math problems? The Theory of Multiple Intelligences was developed because psychologists don't believe that one kind of intelligence is better than the others, but simply a different way in which people think. As you read about the different intelligences listed below, remember that everyone has a little bit of every intelligence.



Word Smart

Do you like telling stories, reading, writing, rhyming, or speaking foreign languages? If you answered yes to any of the above, then you are **Word Smart**. Word Smart people are good at tasks involving words, although some may be very good at speaking, while others are very good at writing. Some people are good at both!

If you are Word Smart you could be a:

- Public Speaker • Translator • Radio Announcer • Librarian • Writer • Journalist • Poet •



Music Smart

Do you sing, rap, play an instrument? Do you have rhythm? If you do, then you are **Music Smart**. Many people like music, but music smart people understand it on a deeper level. They can tell whether a note is on pitch and can hear rhythms in everyday noises. Music crosses all cultural boundaries and is an important form of communication

If you are Music Smart, you could be a:

- Sound Engineer • Musician • Producer • Lyricist • Composer • Film Sound Designer • Rock Star! •

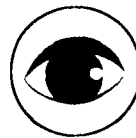


Logic Smart

Do you like solving puzzles, playing strategy games, or math and science? You are **Logic Smart**! Logic Smart is about being able to analyze and process information. Logic Smart people can see patterns in anything and develop theories based on those patterns. They like solving problems, whether those problems are math equations, science experiments, or computer games.

If you are Logic Smart, you could be a:

- Scientist • Accountant • Computer Programmer • Engineer • Stockbroker • Physician • Cryptoanalyst • Researcher •



Picture Smart

Do you like drawing, building things, or watching movies and videos? If you do then you are **Picture Smart**. Picture Smart people can easily visualize images, objects, and 3-dimensional space in their minds. They tend to be artists or inventors or both, in the case of Leonardo DaVinci. Picture Smart people tend to sketch or doodle as they solve problems.

If you are Picture Smart you could be a:

- Graphic Designer • Artist • Architect • Photographer • Advertiser • Builder • Inventor • Interior Decorator •



Nature Smart

Do you like animals, gardening, or hiking? Do you have a good sense of direction? Do you notice the little details about where you live? If you answered yes to any of the above, then you are **Nature Smart**. Some Nature Smart people are very in tune with the natural world. They care about wildlife and the environment. They are most comfortable outdoors. Other Nature Smart people may have never been outside of a city, but they know every detail of their block, and never get lost. In this case, the Nature Smart person has what we call "street smarts."

If you are Nature Smart you could be:

- Biologist • Farmer • Zoologist • Landscape Designer • Tour Guide • Environmental Advocate • Veterinarian •

Self Smart

Do you know who you are and what you like? Do you know what you believe? If you do, then you are **Self Smart**. Self Smart people are in touch with their feelings, and they know their own strengths and weaknesses. Self Smart people often keep a journal of their plans and goals for the future. They enjoy contemplating the meaning of life and their place in it.

If you are Self Smart you could be a:

- Philosopher • Actor • Entrepreneur • Therapist • Member of the Clergy • Guidance Counselor •



People Smart

Do you like group activities, organizing events, or making new friends? If you answered yes, then you are **People Smart**. People Smart people have a good understanding of how and why other people act the way they do. It also means that they like being with other people and enjoy helping them. The best leaders use this understanding and compassion to help other people get along.

If you are People Smart you could be a:

- Politician • Publicist • Manager • Social Worker • Salesperson • Administrator • Coach • Talk Show Host •



Body Smart

Do you like to play sports, dance, juggle, make crafts, or build models? If you answered yes to any of the above then you are **Body Smart**. Body Smart people learn and think with their bodies; their sense of touch is very important to how they perceive the world. They have a high level of physical dexterity whether it is their entire body (such as dancers) or being very skilled with their hands (such as surgeons).

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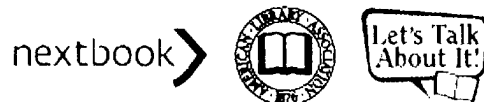
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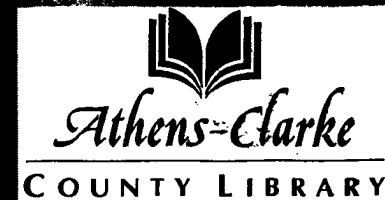
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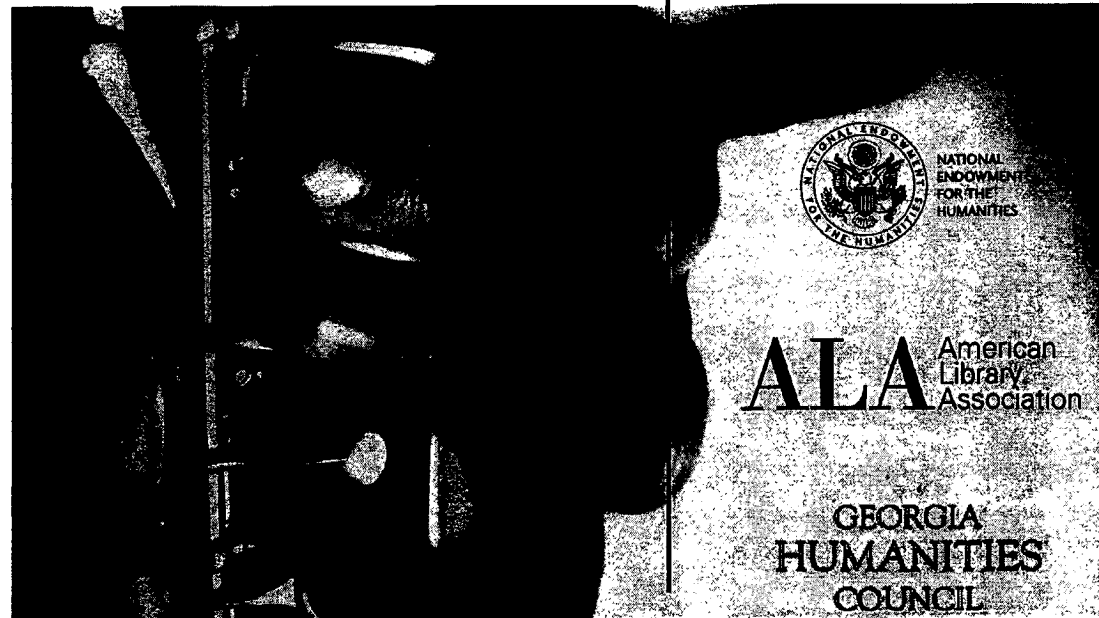
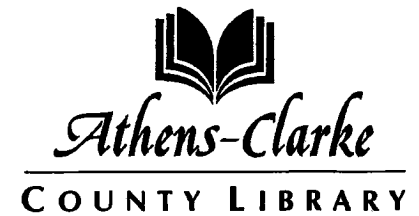
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MySpace for Parents Workshop

MySpace Factoids:

- Recently ranked as the #1 web site which captures 4.46% of all US Internet traffic.
- Teens spend an average of 15 hours/week on MySpace
- 33% of parents have seen their child's MySpace page, only 16% check it on a regular basis
- 70% of teens said they would feel comfortable with their parents looking at their MySpace page.

Facts gathered from 2 recent studies.

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MySpace for Parents: What is it all about?

What started as a small, music oriented social network just over 3 years ago has exploded into a major virtual world that now has over 118 million people involved. Social networks within this context refer to social computing which is the use of software tools that support social interaction and communication.

A few facts gleaned from two recent studies ...

Only 7% of teens interviewed were ever approached by anyone with a sexual intent and nearly all of them simply ignored the person and blocked him from their page.

While using MySpace teens find it easier to make friends, feel more honest, and creative, and get emotional support from their online friends.

The typical MySpacer has 278 "online friends," including 37 close friends, more than half of whom they have never met.

Nearly half the parents claimed to have limits on their children's MySpace use, but only 25% of teens said those limits were upheld.

Half the parents admit that their child uses the Internet from their bedroom rather than a location where the parent can supervise.

For Parents ... "Just say no" is likely to be significantly less effective than "Just say know."

Cited Study: *Adolescents in MySpace: Identity Formation, Friendship and Sexual Predators: Executive Summary*
<http://www.csudh.edu/psych/Adolescents%20in%20MySpace%20-%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

"Our top priority right now is to find or build the right set of technologies that will make the Internet and MySpace safer for teens," says MySpace Chief Safety Officer Hemanshu Nigam. But, he adds, "whatever technical solutions we implement can only be successful if they're coupled with a mom or a dad teaching their teens how to be safe online."

Social Influence Techniques Used Online

(<http://www.netfamilynews.org/willard0605.html>)

"Virtually all of the Internet risks and concerns are grounded in the negative impact of social influence."

1- Rule of Reciprocity

If someone gives you something—a gift, a favor, or a concession—you have an obligation to give something back to that person. It triggers the feeling of indebtedness, which requires a return.

2-Commitment and Consistency

Consistency is valued because it leads to trustworthiness— a person who is consistent can be trusted to act in certain ways under certain conditions. Being consistent is also convenient. If we always respond in a certain way to a certain situation, then there is no need to take the time to figure out how to respond.

3-Social Proof

People are influenced by what other people think and do. This is used by marketers as "viral marketing" to create "group think." To reduce susceptibility to "group think" requires independence of mind and the willingness to make decisions based on an honest appraisal of the situation—not what others think.

If you are in a group that wants to go in one direction and your "gut" is telling you that this is a bad choice, listen to your "gut" and take a close look at the situation. Make your own choices.

4-Liking

Beyond the concerns of dangerous strangers, commercial advertisers are also using this technique as a component of their viral marketing strategies.

A person is likable if:

- Physical attractiveness= attractive people have more influence.
- Similarity= we like people who are like us.
- Praise= giving someone a compliment works wonders in influencing compliance. Hopefully, parents use this factor frequently with their own children.
- Increase familiarity= repeated contact under favorable circumstances can lead to liking.
- Association= association with positive things increases liking.

5-Authority

There is a strong pressure in our society to comply with requests or demands from a person in a position of authority. There are two key questions that one can ask to assess the appropriateness of deference (authority) to someone asserting authority who is seeking compliance or obedience:

- Is this authority truly an expert? Is there independent evidence of this person's expertise and credibility?
- How truthful can we expect this expert to be? Is this person in a position where he or she would have something to gain by our compliance? Is there any evidence of self-serving?

6-Scarcity

Scarcity is grounded in two factors. When something is more difficult to attain, it is typically perceived to be more valuable. Also if something is less available, the freedom to have it may be lost. Both of these factors stimulate more active resolve to obtain the "thing."

The scarcity principle also relates to actions. If restrictions are placed on engaging in a certain action, then engaging in the action becomes more desirable. The impact of this principle in relation to efforts to manage youth access to pornography through the use of filtering software would backfire by creating an increased level of value for the restricted "thing."

When a teen:

- Creates a profile on a social networking site, &
- Posts or comments on a blog.

Reading and writing skills are required.

Setting up MySpace:

- What is your motive?
In setting up the account one is asked, "I'd like to make space for: dating, serious relationship, friends or networking. It is highly recommended that teens not select dating or serious relationship.
- Five levels of Safety:
 1. Just as when our children were young we still need to reiterate that they "should not talk to strangers" nor "should they ever get into a car with a stranger." If these basic precautions are followed something bad happening is minimal.
 2. Do not for any reason post provocative content.
 3. Another level of safety comes from not posting information in your profile or elsewhere that identifies where you live, where you go to school, where you go for fun, what your daily schedule is, what upcoming events you plan to attend, etc. This has always been a rule to follow for the many years that we have been using and living within the Internet.
 4. MySpace itself has its own software-embedded safety through account settings, blog settings, picture settings, etc. These settings can be applied to limit who can view your information and posts.
 5. Last but not least there's your brain. Use it when you are online. Meaning think before you publicly post things about you or others.
- Responsible Account Privacy Settings:
Require email or last name to add me as a friend
Approve Comments before Posting

Hide Online Now

No Pic Forwarding

Friend Only Blog Comments

Friend Only Group Invites

Additionally ... 14–15 year olds can specify "Who can view my full full profile?" My Friends Only or Anyone under 18 on MySpace

- What Your Profile Shouldn't Say About You
 - Interests & Personality (okay to enter)
 - Dating-Related Profile Information

It is not recommended that teens use MySpace as a dating service. In a Relationship, Married are the best choices for this. As far as sexual orientation goes, it is best to supply "No Answer" to this one. "No Answer" is best for the Children category.
 - Schools – It is always best to not supply this information on the Internet because it pinpoints your location.
 - Display Name – The only thing that you shouldn't do with this is again offer up some sort of information that would let someone who doesn't know you find your actual name and location.
- Photos – Photo Upload and Privacy Settings
 - Allow your photos to be viewable by: Only You or Everybody.
 - Picture Policies ... In late March 2006, MySpace deleted 200,000 profiles, many because of pornographic content, and as of April 2006, MySpace is actively engaged in reviewing every picture that is posted on myspace.com.

- Friends & Comments – One of the most-used features of MySpace is the practice that is nicknamed “friending.”
 - Friend Privileges – when you accept a friend request, or someone accepts a friend request from you, you have given each other approval to post onto your pages, and to observe content that you have designated as visible only for your friends.
 - Friend Requests from People You Don't Know – Be careful and make sure that they are someone that you would like to be a friend. Check their friend lists, etc. For complete security against friend requests from people you don't know, activate the “Require email of last name to add me as a friend” option in your account privacy settings.
 - Comments – When you post comments, you need to be especially sure you don't post information that could expose you or your friend to risk-information such as: phone numbers, your school or town, where you or your friend lives, where you go to hang out.
- Blogging – again with blogging don't post information that would allow others to locate or find you if they wanted to. One can use the blog privacy setting to only allow certain people to see posts: public, diary, friends, or preferred list.
- Groups, forums and chat – still follow many of the aforementioned guidelines about personal information and location sharing.

Links and Resources ...

MySpace Safety: 51 Tips for Teens and Parents

<http://www.myspacesafetytips.com>, location of the latest version of this book's – sort of an executive summary.

“Social Influence Techniques Used Online,” by Nancy Willard

<http://www.netfamilynews.org/willard0605.html>

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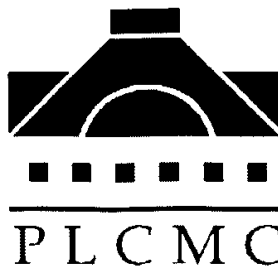
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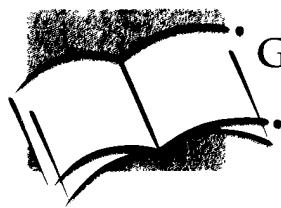
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The PLCMC Library Loft web site <http://www.libraryloft.org/>

ImaginOn's Library Loft MySpace

<http://www.myspace.com/libraryloft/>





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Summer reading program 'takes you everywhere'

The theme for Georgia's 2007 Vacation Reading Program (VRP) is "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Its goals are to promote family literacy and to show that reading is fun.

Throughout the summer, Georgia's public libraries will:

- Provide a wide variety of books and reading materials at no cost;
- Feature storytelling hours, puppet shows or music presentations that stimulate children's creativity and help bring literature and language to life; and
- Promote the idea of reading for enjoyment and at one's own pace, often leading children to seek books and other items that explore topics that interest them.

According to **Lyn Hopper**, assistant state librarian for Library Development, studies have shown that school-age children who continue to read throughout their vacation from school maintain or improve language, vocabulary and reading skills, while children who do not read are more likely to see decreases in those skills.

"Reading as few as five books over the summer months can help children maintain their reading levels so that when school begins, they are not behind in reading skills but ready to move forward," she said.

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Staff



Employees, trustees and friends of the Conyers-Rockdale Library joined their legislators in donning hard hats following lunch. From left are: (front row) Library Director Debbie Manget, Assistant Director Daryl Fletcher, Sen. Ronald Ramsey (D-Decatur), trustee Enid Hanson, Friends President Alma Ruth Byrd, friends Phyllis Turner and Jim Nicholson; and (back row) youth librarian Ben Carter, Rep. Randal Mangham (D-Decatur) and trustee Jerry Troff.

Georgia Library Day sets attendance record

Georgians who believe "Libraries Build Communities" turned out in record numbers to voice their love and support of libraries with state legislators at the annual Georgia Library Day Feb. 13 in Atlanta.

More than 300 supporters and legislators from across the state attended the sold-out event, which was co-sponsored by the Georgia Library Association (GLA), the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, the Georgia Library Media Association and the Georgia Public Library Service. Attendees received commemorative replica hard hats emblazoned with the day's

theme, "Libraries Build Communities," before hearing about the latest issues facing the state's libraries.

A number of speakers addressed the crowd, including **Sen. Jack Hill** (D-Reidsville), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; **JoEllen Ostendorf**, president of GLA; **Jenny McCurdy**, president of Friends of Georgia Libraries; and **Dr. Lamar Veatch**, Georgia's state librarian.

Joe Forsee, director of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System and member of the Georgia

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Council of Public Libraries' Legislative Committee, spoke about the day's theme, "Libraries Build Communities." He urged attendees to thank legislators for supporting the 2007 Buck-for-Books Campaign and to ask legislators for support in retaining that \$2 million in the Governor's budget request for 2008.

Forsee also called attention to construction grants for public libraries and encouraged hardhat-wearing attendees to ask legislators to secure the annual availability of state capital outlay funding for local library projects that already have matching funds on hand and have met all program requirements.

Following the presentations, attendees visited the state Capitol to speak with elected officials, then returned to the Floyd Building for lunch with the legislators, more than 60 of whom attended the event.

"This is quite possibly the most successful Georgia Library Day we've had yet," concluded Veatch. "The turnout — both of library supporters and of legislators — was phenomenal, sending a powerful message that Georgians believe in the value of libraries and the idea that libraries — and librarians — are indispensable in building strong communities across the state."



From left, Sen. Bill Cowser (R-Athens) speaks with a contingent from the Uncle Remus Regional Library System, including Assistant Director Jeff Tomlinson and Miriam Baker.



From left, Susan Roberts, director of Library Grants, Research and Planning for GPLS, chats with Chris Snell and Sarah Trowbridge of the Fayette County Public Library, part of the Flint River Regional Library System.



GLA President JoEllen Ostendorf talks with Rep. Randy Nix (R-LaGrange).



Mary Lee Davis (left), DeKalb County Public Library board member and Friends of Georgia Libraries President Jenny McCurdy spent time promoting the organization and signing up new members.



A group from the Washington-based Bartram Trail Regional Library (BTRL) enjoyed lunch with their legislators. From left are: Donna Taylor, Kendall Richards, Rep. Sistie Hudson (D-Sparta), Angela Leaphart, Karen Meeks, BTRL Director Lillie Crowe, Betty Slater and Rep. Gerald Greene (D-Cuthbert).



From left, Sen. Chip Pearson (R-Dawsonville) meets with Library Director Claudia Gibson, Nel Baierl and Sarah Trowbridge of the Chestatee Regional Library System.

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The "Reading Takes You Everywhere" theme features more than two dozen characters — human and animal — that have played parts in Georgia's history. This year's drawings were created by **Thomas Sperling**, a noted artist who has illustrated more than 40 books.

Sperling has worked primarily in the United Kingdom, where he illustrated a series of revised classics for both the Oxford and Cambridge University presses, including such titles as *Aladdin*, *The Scarlet Letter*, *Rip Van Winkle*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Hamlet*. In the United States, he is best known for his work as creating illustrator for *The Land of the Letter People*.

Sperling's sure-to-be-popular menagerie for the Vacation Reading Program revolves around pirates, bears, denizens of an enchanted forest and numerous inhabitants of Georgia's coast and marshlands. Kids can pick up bookmarks, stickers and other items featuring the characters at libraries across the state, beginning in late May.

Because teens have different development needs than children, Georgia's libraries also hope to fill many developmental needs of teens this summer. To that end, Georgia will participate in "Lost in Time," a program that encourages teens to read for pleasure at times when they are not in school. The program also gives teens opportunities to engage in constructive activities, such as volunteering at the library or doing charitable work in the community.

"This program encourages teens to be creative and have positive social interactions with their peers and adults, as well as reinforcing the idea that the library can be a cool place for teens," Hopper said.

The Vacation Reading Program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Georgia Public Library Service under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

For more information on literacy activities, "Reading Takes You Everywhere" or "Lost in Time," visit www.georgialibraries.org.



Thomas Sperling

Pirates and bears are among the central characters in Thomas Sperling's artwork for the 2007 Vacation Reading Program. This design will appear on bookmarks.

Evergreen earns international press attention, Canadian partnership

The Evergreen software's popularity is spreading as rapidly as its namesake's branches. More than 250 PINES public libraries debuted the open-source integrated library system this past September, simultaneously improving service, enhancing security and saving Georgia's taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Positive publicity is now spreading rapidly across the country and internationally, with feature-length articles appearing in a number of published and online journals, including *American Libraries*, *Library Journal*, *Smart Libraries* (formerly *Library Systems Newsletter*), *Library Technology*, *Quill & Quire* (the Canadian equivalent of *Publishers Weekly*), *Panlibus* (a quarterly magazine published in Birmingham, England), *Computers in Libraries*, *The Digital Librarian* and *Linux Librarian*.

The Library & Information Technology Association will sponsor a program highlighting Evergreen at this summer's American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. "It's exciting to see the attention generated by this project and see how libraries nationally and internationally are eager to explore Evergreen as a new and attractive option for library automation," said **Julie Walker**, assistant state librarian for Technology Services. "It's also very rewarding to us that leading thinkers in the field of library technology are taking notice and asking us to tell them more about it."

In addition, the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, has partnered with GPLS in the development of the acquisitions module, giving the Georgia agency its first international association for the project. ■

GLASS, Talking Book centers add touch of KLAS

patrons of the Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS) and the state's 13 subregional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped will receive a touch of KLAS this month, and they can look forward to some speedy surprises as a result.

During the week of March 20, each facility migrated to KLAS v7.0, the latest version of the Keystone Library Automation System's library automation system. "Because this software is based on Windows instead of DOS, it will be much faster and more user friendly," explained **Stella Cone**, director of GLASS. "It will make it easier for our reader advisers to view a patron's records when they are on the phone with the patron, thus helping them provide faster and better service."

Widely adopted by libraries for the blind and other special libraries, the module-based KLAS system complies fully with Federal Acquisition Regulation Section 508. Version 7 is the first to incorporate a graphical interface. Training sessions for library staff were held around the state in February and March. "We have been hosting webinars three days a week for the past three weeks," Cone explained, "and Keystone is providing on-site training. We want the transition to be as smooth as possible."

The benefits the software will bring to library staff are numerous. It uses standard controls and drivers, and it is able to open multiple windows at a time. It reduces switching between screens, is far less

likely to get timed out and is more flexible and responsive when generating reports, Cone said. Patrons will enjoy a variety of new features, including a "Book Club" function, a reader-services navigator and a most-recently-used list. Search results, requests and quick requests will now also show the availability of specific items.

"We're very excited about the enhancements and how they will help us provide better service," Cone said. "This is a major and welcome upgrade for us."

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GLASS introduces *HourGLASS* newsletter

The Georgia Library for Accessible Services has begun publication of a bimonthly newsletter, *HourGLASS*. The first issue was published in February, joining several other subregional publications in the state.

"When I began my job here, there were several projects that Deputy State Librarian **David Singleton**, the staff at GLASS, patrons and I agreed would be among my top priorities," said **Stella Cone**, director of GLASS. "*HourGLASS* fulfills of one of those goals.

"We've had a very good reaction to the first issue. People like it. There's good information there, and they like being kept informed of what we are doing and about the ways we can keep them in the loop for more and better library services."

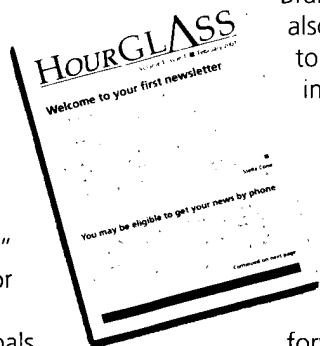
The newsletter will be available in large print, Braille and online at www.georgialibraries.org. Those wishing to subscribe should contact GLASS at 1-800-248-6701 to

request the newsletter in Braille or electronically. Plans also call for the newsletter to be available on cassette in the near future.

"I hope that our readers will continue to find *HourGLASS* informative and enjoyable," Cone said.

"We are looking forward to providing it as an additional service for all our friends and patrons."

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to GPLS under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. ■



Fitzgerald-Ben Hill wins Libri Foundation grant

The Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library has received a "Books for Children" grant from the Libri Foundation. The grant matches a \$350 contribution from the local Friends group on a 2-to-1 basis, allowing the library to receive more than \$1,000 worth of children's books.

"Our library is fortunate in that it receives wonderful support from the city of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County and the state of Georgia," said Library Director **Sandy Hester**. "But supplemental monies like this are always helpful. With this grant, our library was able to add 65 new children's books, providing more opportunities for area children and families to read, learn and grow." ■

More than 440 Children's Services professionals attend CSAC '07

The highest number of attendees in history turned out for the 2007 Children's Services Annual Conference (CSAC), held Feb. 9 at the Macon Centreplex. The goal of CSAC is twofold: to provide information-packed programs for children's services librarians in public libraries, school media specialists and teachers and to kick off Georgia's annual Vacation Reading Program.

"We had 444 attendees," said **Lyn Hopper**, assistant state librarian for Library Development, "and the comments we received in person and on the evaluation forms indicate it was a great success."

In conjunction with the advisory Children's Services Quadrant Council, Georgia Public Library Service staff developed the slate of workshops and panel discussions that were offered to help improve services and programming for Georgia's children, teens and parents. Presenters covered more than a dozen topics, including: "From Acorn to Oak: Creating a Family of Readers"; "Put the Book Down! A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling in the Library"; "Web Journey: Using Web Pages To Promote Children's Services"; and "Salsa Storytime: Spanish Storytimes for non-Spanish Speakers."

Carmen Agra Deedy, an internationally known author of children's literature, storyteller and radio contributor, was the conference's keynote speaker. Her presentation, "Love in the Library," drew on her childhood library memories as she grew up in Decatur. Her vivid descriptions of the library staff, her sister and her mother proved a conference highlight.

As a special feature of this year's CSAC, librarians across the state were invited to create stories and online scavenger hunts based on Thomas Sperling's original artwork for the 2007 Vacation Reading Program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere." A panel of judges, led by Deputy State Librarian **David Singleton** and members of the Quadrant Council, reviewed a variety of original stories, plays, flannel-board stories, finger plays and radio programs, then chose five stories and three scavenger hunts to include in the summer reading program. Judging criteria included originality, adherence to theme, age-appropriate content, adaptability for use in story times and universal appeal.

The winning stories included:

- *The Adventures of a Bear, a Turtle, and a Book!* by **Catherine Michaud** of the Chattahoochee

Valley Regional Library System;

- *Bears Go Everywhere: A Directional Rhyme* by **Kelly Roth** of the Bartow County Public Library;
- *The Best Fish Catcher in Appalachia* by **Tracy Walker** of the Chestatee Regional Library System;
- *A Swamp Tale: A Fable for the Okefenokee* by **Wayne Damon** of the Cobb County Public Library System; and
- *The Pirates in Grandpa's Den* by **Joseph Pilkonis** of the West Georgia Regional Library System.

Winning scavenger hunts included:

- *Follow the Trail to Georgia* by **Lynn Dombrowski** of the Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library;
- *Reading Takes You Everywhere! Anywhere You Want To Go!* by **Lindy Moore** of the West Georgia Regional Library; and
- *Reading on My Mind: Online Scavenger Hunt* by **Ginger Nelms** and **Martha Powers** of the Ochopee Regional Library System.

CSAC is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Georgia Public Library Service under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. ■

Hall County wins national PLA grant

The Hall County Library System has been named one of nine winners in the Public Library Association's (PLA) "Grow Your Own @ Your Library" institutional scholarship pilot program. "We could not be more excited," said System Director **Adrian Mixson**. "We currently have more than 10 percent of our staff enrolled in a library science program, and this grant will help offset some of what it costs them for textbooks and tuition." The program was developed to address the educational needs of public library staff. This year, PLA awarded \$8,000 grants to one library in each of nine Public Library Data Service population categories. Hall County took the prize for library systems with a service population between 100,000-249,999. ■

Lisa MacKinney



Hall County Library System employees pursuing degrees in library science are (from left): Leslie James, Ronda Sanders, John McConnell and Vonda Henderson.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The board of trustees of the LaFayette-based Cherokee Regional Library System has appointed **Lecia Eubanks** as director. Eubanks previously served as assistant and interim director for the system. She replaces **Diana Tope**, who retired in March.



Eubanks

Catherine Vanstone, librarian at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library's Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library, has been named by editors of *Library Journal* as one of 50 "movers and shakers" from across the United States and Canada.

The Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce has honored **Nancy Tillinghast**, director of the Thomas County Public Library System, as its 2007 Woman of the Year. Tillinghast received a 2006 *New York Times* Librarian of the Year Award this past December.

The Association for Library Service to Children has selected **Charmette Kuhn-Kendrick** as the 2007 recipient of the Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship. She is children's librarian at Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System's North Columbus Branch Library.

Karen Odom, librarian at the Houston County Public Libraries' Centerville branch, has been named a winner of a \$1,000 Book Wholesalers Inc./Young Adult Library Services Association Collection Development Grant.

The Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center has awarded the Three Rivers Regional Library System's Wayne County Library a \$3,000 grant for library materials on the topic of HIV/AIDS. The grant was made possible by the National Library of Medicine.

Christie Paulk has been named youth services librarian at the Valdosta-Lowndes County Library.

Sharon Cleveland of the Sara Hightower Regional Library's Cedartown branch and **Martha Powers** from Ochopee Regional Library's Vidalia-Toombs County Library have been elected to the Children's Services Quadrant Council.

Friends of Georgia Libraries will hold its annual general meeting April 20 at the new Columbus Library. As a part of the program, a rare-book dealer will be on hand to help teach attendees how to recognize and price rare books. For information, visit www.georgia-friends.org.

GOLD/GALILEO libraries elect 11 to advisory committee

In early March, participating libraries across the state elected 11 new representatives to the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Advisory Committee.

"The members of this committee have excellent — and well-earned — reputations for the work they do," said **Toni Zimmerman**, director of Resource Sharing & Interlibrary Cooperation for GPLS. "Participation represents one of the best professional opportunities to effect positive change among member libraries, to enhance resource sharing and to provide better services for their communities across the state."

Selected to represent large academic libraries are **Mary Jane Rootes**, instruction librarian at the University of West Georgia, and **Tammy Sugarman**, interim associate university librarian at Georgia State University. They will join incumbent **Charles Skewis**, head of Collection and Resources Development at Georgia Southern University. Elected to represent small/medium academic libraries are **Joan Taylor**, reference librarian at Clayton State University Library; **Leigh Hall**, systems librarian at Chattahoochee Technical College; and **Ann Fuller**, head of Circulation and Interlibrary Loans at Armstrong Atlantic State University's Lane Library.

Chosen to represent large public libraries are **David Tucker**, collection management coordinator at the DeKalb County Public Library, and **Holly Bowden**, technical services librarian for the Athens Regional Library System. They will join incumbent **Susan Lemme**, reference librarian at Middle Georgia Regional Library. Picked to represent small/medium public libraries are **Susan Stephens**, director of the Chattooga County Library System, and **Bonnie Boatright**, assistant director of the Jefferson County Library System. They will join incumbent **Leslie St. John**, assistant director of the Newton County Library System.

Selected to represent special libraries/K-12 are **Alice Harvard**, information services librarian at Americus Sumter County High School, and **Camille Walkinshaw**, program librarian at the Fort Benning Sayers Memorial Library.

"Each of these elected representatives and all of the nominees have received my heartfelt thanks for their willingness to serve, and we are looking forward to a very creative year," said Zimmerman.

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation awards 2007 minigrants

The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation has found a simple way to give away the money it raises: a minigrant program to fund library-related projects that fall outside the scope of the county budget.

Founded in 1988, the nonprofit organization exists solely to raise money in support of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (AFPL) system. Its internal grant program allows any library employee to submit a request for up to \$5,000 to support a variety of projects throughout the system.

According to its board president, **Betty Edge**, the foundation encourages staff members to seek support for new ideas and innovations, for the expansion of existing programs and for reinstatement of programs previously cut from the budget.

"The request for proposals generates a flurry of activity," said **Sherry Siclair**, foundation board member and library development director for AFPL. "These projects demonstrate the creativity and commitment of our system's staff. Proposal reviewers see a wide range of projects, designed to serve a variety of patrons and interests throughout the library system."

With more than \$25,000 in grants awarded, the 2006 program was a tremendous success, Siclair noted. "In fact, the response was so great it prompted the foundation to increase this year's total to \$30,000."

The 2007 grant recipients include: **Janice White Sikes Rogers** for a traveling exhibit to promote primary and secondary collections;

Edwin Simmons for a Web design studio for teens; **Michael Salpeter** for cases to display special exhibits; **Celeste Gibson** for a laptop computer learning lab; **Andrea Akiti** for a reading skills development program; **Emmanuel Enujioke** for a multicultural DVD collection; **Angela Pope Magerum** for a family-oriented functional literacy program; **Morris Gardner** for middle-school math and science competency workshops; **Derek Wilson** for the creation of a teen space at the East Point Branch; and **James Overbeck** for a valuation of the rare books collection.

"We understand that library staff people know what is best for their work," said Edge. "This program makes our investment in the library system so easy." ☼

GPLS sponsors second series of workshops for rural libraries

Following the success of eight 2006 workshops designed to help rural libraries meet the challenges of sustaining public access computing, GPLS co-sponsored additional workshops in February and March as part of the Rural Library Sustainability Project (RLS), funded through a grant from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with online community WebJunction.

As she did in 2006, **Susan White**, assistant director of operations for Sequoyah Regional Library, served as facilitator for the 2007 series. "Comments we received from participants attending both the 2006 and 2007 workshops were outstanding," White said. "We believe people left each session with a lot of valuable information, ideas, resources and action plans."

The goal of each workshop was to highlight the issues and challenges that rural library employees typically identify as obstacles in sustaining public access computing. "This relates primarily to facilitating connections for rural library staff, providing additional resources and support for rural library staff, creating additional avenues to which rural library staff may turn to WebJunction and encouraging rural library staff to take

Stacey Overstreet



Miguel Vicente, Jan Burroughs, Camilla Bailey, Nanette Kicker and Alan Harkness listen as Susan White conducts an RLS workshop in Athens.

practical action on sustainability issues within their community," White said. The Gates Foundation's aim, she noted, is to have at least one attendee from each library that serves 25,000 or fewer patrons. The 2007 workshops were held in Macon, Rome and Athens.

Deputy State Librarian **David Singleton** said: "For many people, the public library is the connection to the Internet; these workshops ensure that rural library staff have the skills needed to create first-class technology for their patrons and access to tools that will help ensure long-term sustainability of that technology." ☼

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PINES Annual Conference set for May

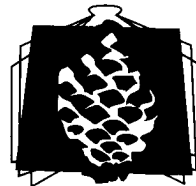
The PINES Annual Conference will be held May 16-17 at the Warner Robins campus of Macon State University.

PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services) is the public library automation and lending network for 265 libraries in 127 counties. The South Georgia Regional Library and the Thomas County Regional Library System are the newest members, having joined in January.

According to **Julie Walker**, assistant state librarian for Technology Services, the first day of the annual meeting will provide a full slate of training activities, with an emphasis on

the new PINES reporting user interface. "Our new Evergreen software offers a powerful reporting engine," she said, "and a redesign of the end-user reporting tool will make it easier and faster for users to create and manipulate statistical reports." Other topics of the opening day training sessions are circulation and cataloging.

The PINES annual membership meeting and Executive Committee meeting will take place on the conference's second day. Highlights will include election results for three new Executive Committee members and the appointments of new members for all PINES subcommittees.



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British Columbia follows Georgia's lead with 'BC PINES'

The Evergreen software developed by Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) continues to gain steam as the software of choice for libraries seeking an open-source integrated library system (ILS).

The Public Library Services Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Education has announced that it will begin implementation of its own Evergreen-powered system in October. The network, based on Georgia's PINES model, will be called "BC PINES." In both cases, PINES is short for Public Information Network for Electronic Services. In its strategic plan announced in April, the Association of BC Public Library Directors stated: "We hope that eventually all public libraries in BC will join and that the vision of the 'Libraries

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On June 23, at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., an overflow crowd of more than 300 people lined up to attend "The Open ILS: Pines, the Evergreen Open-ILS Program and the University of Rochester Extensible Catalog Project." The 90-minute program was presented by Georgia Deputy State Librarian David Singleton and the University of Rochester's Jennifer Bowen.

Without Walls' Strategic Plan can be fully realized for the benefit of all."

Evergreen is the operating system for the new Web-based PINES catalog that features book covers, reviews, tables of contents and a

variety of easy-to-use searches that allow library users to locate materials quickly and efficiently throughout the system. The software also includes a wealth of security enhancements designed to protect

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Governor greenlights three library construction projects

On May 30, **Gov. Sonny Perdue** signed into law House bill HB95, authorizing Georgia's fiscal year 2008 budget, which began July 1, 2007. As part of the bill, Perdue approved three of the state Legislature's recommended public library construction projects for fiscal year 2008:

- \$1,545,000 for construction of the West Georgia Regional Library System's North Paulding Public Library;
- \$1,035,000 for construction of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System's Jasper County Public Library; and
- \$2,000,000 for construction of the Porter

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Twenty professionals picked for PINNACLE's class of 2008

Georgia Public Library Service has announced the inaugural class of PINNACLE, the Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education.

Selected as members of the PINNACLE class of 2008 are: **Jimmy Bass**, head of the Newnan-Coweta Public Library; **Ted Bazemore**, virtual services librarian with the Clayton County Library System (CCLS); **Brijin Boddy**, head of the teen department for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library (CVRL) in Columbus; **Anne Bowen**, deputy director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System in Eastman; **Sarah Boyd**, head of the adult services department with CVRL; **Lecia Eubanks**, director of the Cherokee Regional Library in Lafayette; **Trudi Green**, team leader for information services for the

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Athens Regional Library System (ARLS); **Sandy Hester**, director of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library; **Gina Jenkins**, principal librarian/branch manager for the DeKalb County Public Library; and **Colleen Knight**, adult services librarian with the Bartow County Library System.

Also selected as PINNACLE members for 2008 are: **Jo Lahmon**, branch manager for the Cobb County Public Library System; **Lisa MacKinney**, assistant director of the Hall County Library System; **Beata Mengel**, youth services librarian with CCLS; **Ashley Moore**, assistant branch manager for the Gwinnett County Public Library; **Karen Odom**, head librarian at Houston County Public Libraries' Centerville branch; **Jill Prouty**, library administrator with the Flint River Regional Library System's Peachtree City Library; **Susan Stephens**, director of the Chattooga County Library System; **Jeff Tomlinson**, assistant director of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System in Madison; **Leigh Wiley**, librarian with the DeSoto Trail Regional Library in Camilla; and **Beverly Williams**, subregional manager for the Georgia Library for Accessible Services in Atlanta (GLASS).

The goal of the program is to ensure the future of high-quality library leadership across the state. Attendees must hold a master of library science, a master of science in library science or a master of library and information science degree; be currently employed in a public library in Georgia; and have at least two years of professional experience.

"We had an extremely strong and diverse group of applicants," said **David Singleton**, deputy state



Bass



Bazemore



Boddy



Bowen



Boyd



Eubanks



Green



Hester



Jenkins



Knight



Lahmon



MacKinney



Mengel



Moore



Odom



Prouty



Stephens



Tomlinson



Wiley



Williams

librarian. "I am very impressed by the qualifications and very encouraged by the leadership potential of the 20 selected candidates. I believe that PINNACLE can become a national model for training the next generation of library leaders."

The institute begins with a one-week retreat in November and will include eight monthly two-day sessions, culminating at the fall 2008 convention of the Georgia Council of Media Organizations.

Session topics at PINNACLE 2007-2008 will include situational leadership, time management, analytical and creative problem

solving, financial management and performance measures, human resource management and administrative law, managing conflict and group dynamics, ethics, power, best practices, process improvement, project coaching, media relations, leadership in a political environment and effective presentations.

One session will include training in the Public Library Association's six-step planning model, "Planning for Results," which provides an acclaimed results-driven approach to meeting community needs and developing means to anticipate future demands.

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Twin Lakes Library System launches publishing venture

If necessity is the mother of invention, the Twin Lakes Library System has every reason to beam about its latest offspring. This past October, the system founded Old Capital Press, a publishing company that has so far issued three books with strong regional ties.

"The company is a source of additional revenue for us," said Library Director **Barry Reese**, "but, more importantly, it allows us to provide a much-needed public service by publishing local authors and by keeping local works in print."

Using a company called Lulu, Old Capital Press doesn't have to pay a printer for anything except the copies it actually needs to fill customers' orders or to put on the library system's shelves.

"We can order only one or two copies at a time if we wish," Reese said. "If a title shows promise outside middle Georgia, we can purchase an ISBN (International Standard Book Number), and that allows us to also get it listed through other retailers, such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com."

In business for the past five years, Lulu is an independent publishing marketplace for digital do-it-yourselfers. The company allows individuals or organizations such as Twin Lakes to publish and sell a variety of digital-based items — from books and music to calendars and even movies. Control of the content remains totally in the hands of those who created it.

Twin Lakes staff identify the books they would like to publish, use Lulu's online tools to create the prototype, then leave the printing

and delivery to Lulu. "At the end of each quarter," Reese said, "the company sends us a check for the revenues our content generated."

The books look and feel like regular books from other publishers, Reese said. "That's the great thing about it. You can't tell who did the printing. You can order hardback and paperback books in different sizes, and the quality is very high."

Old Capital Press is currently a three-person operation. Reese handles the business side of things, including all rights clearances. Reference Librarian **Kell Carpenter** is

Thus far, the company has published *Railroading in Milledgeville* by **Charles Brown**, a new edition — the fifth — of *Milledgeville: Georgia's Antebellum Capital* by **James Bonner** and *Yesterplace: Growing Up in Post World War II Georgia* by **Susan Lindsey**.

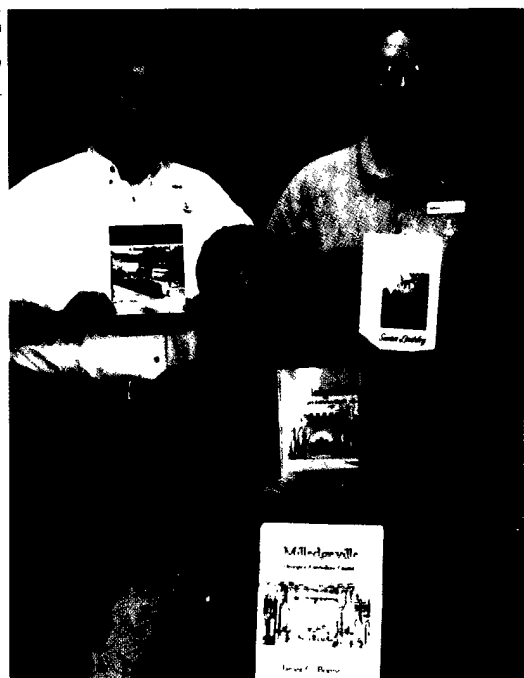
Technically, the company is a division of the Twin Lakes' Friends organization, which receives the proceeds and uses them on the system's behalf.

"The amount we make off each sale varies a bit from project to project," Reese said. "Basically, the more we charge, the more we make, but the fewer sales we're likely to have. So we try to keep our cover prices relatively low. For example, *Yesterplace* has a cover price of \$16.00. The cost of printing each copy is \$9.33, so we make a profit of \$6.67 from each book sold."

The contracts that Old Capital Press has with its authors give them full copyright on their works but gives the company exclusive publishing rights for five years, at which time the agreement can be renewed if both parties wish. "We start off at a fifty-fifty split on profits," Reese explained, "but depending on the amount of formatting and editing we have to do, that breakdown can change. For one upcoming book, the library will get 80 percent of profits because of all the work that was needed to prepare it for publication. In another case, the author wanted the library system to receive all the profits."

Since October, Old Capital Press has sold nearly 700 books and
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LaToya Davidson



From left: Reese, Smith and Carpenter show off the first offerings from Old Capital Press.

responsible for selecting appropriate fonts, formatting the manuscripts and designing the books and covers. Network Administrator **David Smith** handles related document scanning and ensures that all files meet Lulu's criteria for print-on-demand publication.

ARLS wins Highsmith Innovation Award

The Public Library Association (PLA) has named the Athens Regional Library System (ARLS) as winner of its 2007 Highsmith Library Innovation Award. This is the first Georgia library system to receive the honor since the award was introduced in 1997.

The Highsmith Library Innovation Award recognizes a public library's innovative and creative service program to the community. The winner was selected based on a variety of criteria, including the collaborative efforts of the staff and community in the planning and implementation process and the sustainability of the program over time.

ARLS received the award for the expansive, multi-pronged outreach program it has developed for the area's growing Hispanic community.

The centerpiece of those efforts is the Pinewoods Library and Community Learning Center, which offers library materials and language instruction in both Spanish and English, 14 public access computers, classroom instruction on computer use, tutorial programs, health education seminars, parenting workshops, art classes and other special interest programs.

"Our first goal in opening the center two years ago was to help increase the educational level of the immigrant Mexican population living in Athens," said **Kathryn Ames**, director of ARLS. "Our second goal was to increase the use of the library and arts center facilities by the Mexican community. Our third goal was to provide opportunities for educational and cultural exchange between the Mexican community and the established community, nurturing understanding between the two."

According to **Miguel Vicente**, coordinator of the Pinewoods center, its annual use statistics — including participation in English-to-Speakers-of-Other-Languages classes, book circulation, computer use and tutorial assistance — have shown an increase of approximately 800 percent in two years.

Across the library system, volunteer Spanish students teach "Survival Spanish" for English-speaking community members. ARLS participates in "Plaza Comunitaria," a distance education program sponsored by the Mexican government that enables Mexican-born patrons to improve their literacy skills, earn high school diplomas and receive vocational training.

Public Library Association



Kathryn Ames (center) accepts the Highsmith Innovation Award from Susan Hildreth (left), 2006-2007 PLA president, and Matt Mulder, director of Highsmith Publications.

Still another unique activity sponsored by ARLS is a program called "Family to Family," which encourages Mexican families to meet with Athens families and share a variety of cultural activities. ARLS has also been a multiple recipient of American Library Association travel grants to attend the Guadalajara Book Festival, where system employees have been able to obtain high-quality library materials in Spanish, as well as many bilingual items that are not available from traditional library vendors in the United States.

"This award is the culmination of tremendous work by our library staff and partners in the Pinewoods program," Ames said. "It's a great honor for the library system, the Lyndon House Arts Center and the community. The local community has been very supportive of our activities. Without its financial and personal commitment, the program could not have become a success."

The library was officially recognized June 25 at the PLA President's Program featuring author **Armistead Maupin** at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. At the ceremony, Ames accepted a check for \$2,000 and a plaque from Highsmith.

From the podium, she thanked PLA, Highsmith, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and each of the library's Georgia partners, including the Lyndon House Arts Center, the College of Education and the Office of International Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia, Athens Transit, Catholic Social Services and the Clarke County School District. She also praised Vicente "and the wonderful families of Pinewoods." ■

GPLS collaborates with Canadian libraries on Evergreen development

The Public Library Services Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Education has joined Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), Lawrenceville-based Equinox Software and the University of Windsor, Ontario, to develop an acquisitions module for the Evergreen open-source integrated library system.

The acquisitions module will provide libraries using Evergreen the ability to access multiple vendor databases, create selection lists for materials purchasing, obtain new title data from all sources through a common interface and reduce shipping and transaction costs, as well as the time and costs associated with integrating new materials into individual or consortium catalogs.

To kick off the collaboration, British Columbia's libraries served as a primary sponsor of AcqFest, a four-day code-writing project that took place in Suwanee July 19-22. **Ben Hyman**, manager of policy and technology for Public Library Services

Branch BC, and **G.W. Brian Owen**, associate university librarian at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, led the BC effort.

Earlier this year, GPLS held a series of focus groups across the state, gathering individuals from the library community to discuss how Evergreen can best address the library world's needs for an integrated acquisitions system. While PINES libraries were well-represented in these sessions, acquisitions and technology specialists from non-PINES libraries and many academic libraries also attended, including representatives from Canada. On the heels of these focus groups, the University of Windsor signed on to become GPLS's first international partner for the project. **Art Rhyno**, systems librarian at the university's Leddy Library, leads the Windsor team.

Staff members from Windsor, Lawrenceville and Atlanta immediately began work on technical specifications and created a framework for the module based on the Apache Open For Business Project, OFBiz, an open-source enterprise automation software. Representatives from BC joined staff from Windsor, Lawrenceville and Atlanta for AcqFest, where developers and programmers built upon that framework.

According to **Brad LaJeunesse**, president of Equinox, "We worked to adapt OFBiz to better align with the language used in the library world, create a data transport mechanism between OFBiz and Evergreen and fill in software gaps based on needs identified by the focus groups."

The acquisitions module is slated for release in spring 2008. ■

COMO early literacy pre-conference to feature Ghoting

GPLS will sponsor a full-day pre-conference on Oct. 17, prior to the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) Annual Conference on Jekyll Island.

Saroj Ghoting, a noted early literacy consultant, will present "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library." An initiative of the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children, the program has been adopted by numerous library systems across the country and is proving valuable to and popular with patrons, said **Elaine Black**, director of Children's Services. The program will help prepare parents to be their child's first teacher.

The cost of the pre-conference will be \$25. For details about this and other sessions, visit www.georgiacomo.org. ■

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Memorial Branch Library in Newton County.

Earlier, Gov. Perdue added \$2 million to the FY08 budget to help libraries purchase new books, with both House and Senate approving. Vetoed were funds earmarked for the expansion and renovation of the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library in Conyers and funds for the construction of the Fairplay Public Library, the Pierce County Library, the Senoia Public Library and the Grantville Public Library. These projects likely will be reevaluated in the next fiscal year budget process. ■

IMLS collection-care forum debuts in Atlanta

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced that Atlanta will be the kickoff site for "Connecting to Collections: The National Tour," a series of four forums to be held in major American cities during 2008 and 2009. The goal of the tour is to raise awareness of collections care in small and mid-sized museums and libraries. All meetings will focus on collections-care expertise, related technology, connecting to the public, and fundraising. The Atlanta forum is scheduled for Jan. 24-25, 2008, at the High Museum of Art. ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tamara George is the new library director of the Cobb County Public Library System. She replaces **Gail Rogers**, who retired May 31 after serving 16 years as director.

The Coweta County Library System became a single-county system on July 1, with **Barbara Osborne-Harris** as its library director. The system has branches in Grantville, Newnan and Senoia.



Osborne-Harris

Troup-Harris Regional Library is the name of the new regional library system for those counties. **JoEllen Ostendorf** continues as director for the system, which will be joining Georgia's PINES network on Aug. 27.

State Librarian **Dr. Lamar Veatch** has been named to the board of directors of the Southern Council of State Library Agencies.

John Szabo, director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System,

has been elected to serve as a delegate to the Online Computer Library Center Members Council by SOLINET, a not-for-profit library cooperative serving the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.

Four library directors have been elected to the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee (RPLAC): **Nick Fogarty** of the Sequoyah Regional Library System, **Donna Howell** of the Mountain Regional Library System, **Barry Reese** of the Twin Lakes Library System and **Carolyn Fuller** of the Henry County Library System. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia formed RPLAC to help ensure financial and legislative support for library systems, review legislation involving public libraries and propose solutions to challenges facing public libraries. The committee consists of 12 directors from both rural and urban library systems.

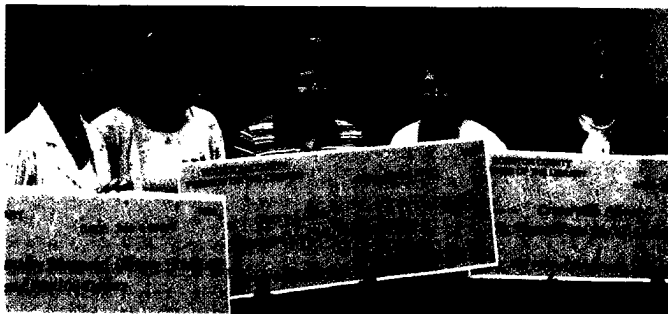
PINES Director **Elizabeth McKinney de Garcia** and GLASS Director **Stella Cone** have been selected to attend the 2007 COSLA Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies. The weeklong

executive leadership institute for Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) examines public sector leadership, public policy, advocacy, crisis/conflict resolution, collaboration and finance.

The Georgia Library Association has named **Miguel Vicente**, coordinator of the Athens Regional Library System's Pinewoods Library and Community Learning Center, the winner of this year's Beard Scholarship. The scholarship is made possible by friends and colleagues of the late **Charles Beard**, who served in the library profession for almost 40 years. The scholarship provides financial assistance toward completing a master's degree in library science for candidates who show strong potential to inspire and motivate their peers.

Karen Odom, head librarian at Houston County Public Libraries' Centerville branch, has been invited to serve a two-year appointment to the American Library Association's Young Adults Library Services Association Division and Membership Promotion Committee. Her term began in July.

Christine Hoskins



Checks and balances

The Houston County Friends of the Library's annual used book sale raised more than \$23,000 this year. The system used the funds to pay for the summer reading program, books on tape, large-print books and a microfiche machine. From left are Glenda Thompson, head librarian at the Nola Brantley Public Library in Warner Robins; Marsha Christy, director of Houston County Public Libraries; Nancy Granger, head librarian at the Perry Public Library; Pam Yates, president of Houston County Friends of the Library; and Karen Odom, head librarian at the Centerville Public Library.

Sara Lynn Ingram



Preservation haul

The Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board awarded the Augusta Public Library a preservation grant of \$5,750 for a restoration project at the Appleby Branch Library. Library Director Gary Swint (right) accepts the grant from Spencer Swinson, Bonnie Bounds and Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board President Molly Newsome.

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earned a net profit of more than \$3,000. "It's not the biggest money-maker, but it certainly has gotten our name out in the community," Reese said. "We've gotten excellent press coverage, and by keeping local works in print, this project helps us meet our desire to promote literacy and the printed word in Baldwin County and across Georgia."

Other library systems have expressed interest in similar ventures, Reese said, and Twin Lakes staff members are offering their support.

Susan Whittle, director of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library, visited Twin Lakes in June. "I am mightily impressed," Whittle said.

"Barry, Kell and David are doing a really wonderful thing, and we are definitely going to follow suit through our foundation to bring some of our local books back into print."



Whittle

The Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Foundation already has provided the seed money for Southwest Georgia to reprint *Prologue* by **Maston O'Neal**. A lost history of the South Georgia-Florida Panhandle-Coastal Alabama area by the late U.S. representative from Bainbridge, *Prologue* has been out

of print for more than a decade. "We've had numerous requests for that book," Whittle said, "and the guidance I received from Barry and his staff has really made me feel like we can reprint it before Christmas."

Back in Baldwin County, Old Capital Press has four additional books in the works for 2007. One is a history of the Twin Lakes Library System, another a compilation of works by Bonner, who was a well-known local historian. A third will be a collection of short stories and poetry by local authors, and the fourth a memoir with regional ties.

The Twin Lakes/Old Capital Press bookstore can be found online at www.lulu.com/tllsmv. ■

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Ten mentors, including all five members of PINNACLE's steering committee, have volunteered to serve, and each will be assigned to work with two class members. The steering committee includes Singleton; **Lyn Hopper**, assistant state librarian for library development; **Julie Walker**, assistant state librarian for technology support services and strategic initiatives; **Kathryn Ames**, director of ARLS; and **Greg Heid**, director of the Newton County Library System. Joining them as mentors will be **Stella Cone**, director of GLASS; **Susan Cooley**, director of the Sara Hightower Regional Library in Rome; **Dusty Gres**, director of the Ochopee Regional Library in Vidalia; **Lois Roberts**, director of the Statesboro Regional Library; and **Claudya Muller**, director of CVRL. "Together, our exceptional group of mentors has more than 200 years of experience in the library profession," said Singleton, "and each brings nationally recognized leadership and management skills to share with our first PINNACLE class."

The PINNACLE steering committee worked with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG), a public service and outreach unit of the University of Georgia, to design the curriculum, and CVIOG will lead the training sessions. PINNACLE is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Georgia Public Library Service under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. ■

Evergreen

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the personal information of patrons who use the service from their homes or from public-access computers at their local libraries. Also, because Evergreen is open-source and therefore royalty-free, and because it runs on the Linux operating system and inexpensive commodity hardware, the software saves taxpayers a considerable amount of money in licensing and support fees.

According to **Ben Hyman**, manager of policy and technology for Public Library Services Branch BC, public library facilities in Prince Rupert, Powell River, Fort Nelson and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District will serve as pilot libraries for the BC system. Another 30 have requested to join as soon as possible, with several of those hoping to go live with Evergreen early in 2008. The phased implementation of Evergreen throughout the province will take place over the coming five years.

"We are extremely pleased that British Columbia has chosen to follow Georgia's lead in adopting Evergreen as its new ILS," said State Librarian **Dr. Lamar Veatch**. "BC's decision is a monumental validation of Georgia's vision of a consortial, open-source ILS. We eagerly welcome our northern neighbors as full partners in the implementation and continued development of PINES and Evergreen to benefit millions of library users." ■

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Georgia librarians' "Day on the Hill"

In June, dozens of Georgia librarians attended the American Library Association's 2007 Conference and Library Day on the Hill festivities in Washington, D.C. Among those who helped ALA show members of Congress how much libraries mean to our state are: Julie Walker, assistant state librarian; Nick Fogarty, director of the Sequoyah Regional Library System (SRLS); Sharon Blank, public services librarian with the Screven-Jenkins Regional Library; Dr. Lamar Veatch, state librarian; Catherine Vanstone, librarian with the Southwest Georgia Regional Library; Elaine Hardy, GPLS's library services manager for collections and reference; David Singleton, deputy state librarian; Lisa Rigsby, director of the DeSoto Trail Regional Library System; Leann Boyd, information services librarian at South Georgia College; and Susan White, assistant director of operations for SRLS.



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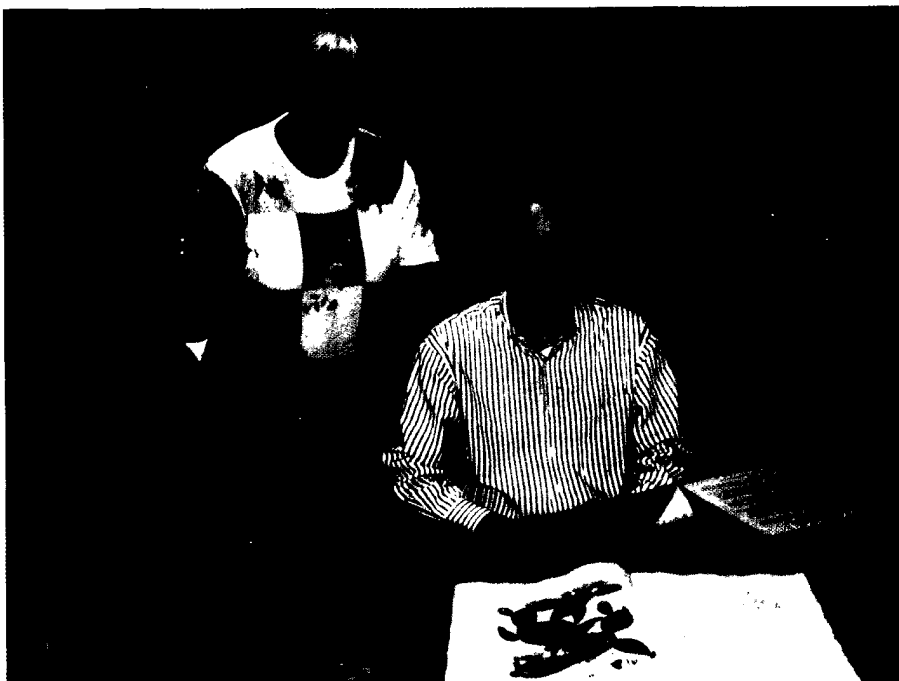
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Dr. Christopher Stokes, Joan Anderson, Willard Rocker and Muriel Jackson lead the staff at the Macon-Bibb County Library's Genealogical and Historical Room and the Middle Georgia Archives.

Georgia's genealogical libraries draw local, regional, worldwide visitors

Virtually every public library system in Georgia is justifiably proud of its genealogical resources. Genealogy rooms at libraries serve as the repositories of local history, collecting and preserving the records that help communities tell their stories and articulate their values.

Many public libraries — in Athens, Augusta, Carrollton, Columbus, Commerce, Dalton, Dawsonville, Gainesville, Hawkinsville, LaGrange, Marietta, Rome, Savannah and Washington, to name a few — have built loyal followings within the state and across the Southeast, and they

continue to grow in size, resources and acclaim.

But three libraries reign as the Georgia public library system's genealogical crown jewels. The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, the Ladson Genealogical Library in Vidalia and the Macon-Bibb County Library regularly draw national and international attention, earn rave reviews from amateur and professional genealogists, add to their respective local tourism bases and bring additional money from grants and fundraising into their communities.

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Libraries in need receive \$570,000 in state MRR grants

Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) has announced the first group of recipients in its Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) Grant Program for fiscal year 2008. In this phase of the program, up to \$573,125.98 in a total of 32 grants will be allocated for repairs and renovations at 28 public libraries across the state.

The Statesboro Regional Library will receive the largest single grant, for \$105,984.50 to replace the roof at its Bulloch County facility. "We are delighted to receive this grant," said **Lois Roberts**, director of the Statesboro Regional Library System. "The money will allow us to replace our 27-year-old roof here at the system's central library.

"We have been battling an increasing number of leaks — some even threatening our genealogy and local history collection — for several years," Roberts explained.

"With the 50-50 cost share with Bulloch County's SPLOST funds and the money provided by the Board of Regents through the 2008 Georgia legislative grant, we are thrilled to be able to have our



Roberts

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Hart County Library holds grand reopening

The Hart County Library's staff, board and Friends group celebrated its reopening on Aug. 19 with a reception featuring five local authors, followed by book signings and refreshments for the 200 citizens who attended.

The library was built in the mid-1970s. It was closed two years ago, however, when staff discovered that a malfunctioning heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system had introduced mold into the building and

moisture from a leaky roof was worsening the problem.

Library Director **Richard Sanders** said staff members discovered the problems during the summer of 2005. "Tests were conducted by increasingly specialized agencies to determine what mold was growing and where," he explained. "Fortunately, it found to be nontoxic."

To prevent allergic reactions, however, the building was closed and its staff moved into a temporary modular building in the parking lot, along with as much of the library's collection as the cramped facility could hold.

As part of the GPLS Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) Grant Program for fiscal year 2006, the library received \$450,000. The Hart County Board of Commissioners provided \$45,000 in local funds. With that money, the library has put in a new HVAC system, repaired the roof and added a drop ceiling. Donations and additional funds from the county commissioners enabled the library to install new carpet and re-cover all its furniture. In memory of her husband, Bill, library supporter **Mary Carter** donated the funds needed to buy a new circulation desk.

By all accounts, Sanders said, the library is now better than ever. "We're very glad to be able to again offer access to our full collections, ample access to the Internet, and the complete range of other services that people expect from us." ■



Nancy Clark (left), chair of the Hart County Library board, and Carol Fenn (right), president of the local Friends group, helped Sanders welcome guests to the reopening festivities.

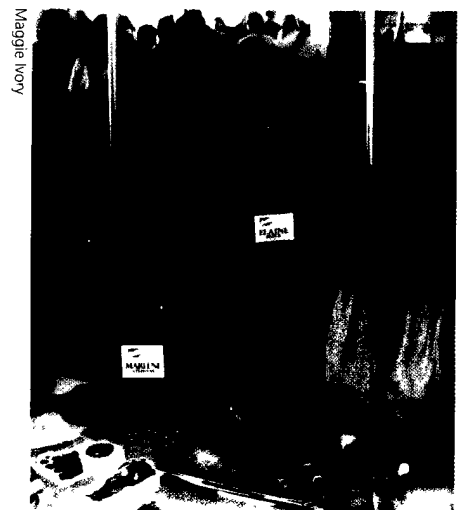
Georgia's table draws big crowds at National Book Festival

More than 120,000 book lovers gathered on the National Mall for the National Book Festival on Sept. 29 in Washington, D.C. GPLS hosted a table in the Pavilion of States at the seventh annual festival, which was sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by first lady **Laura Bush**.

Elaine Black, director of Children's Services for GPLS, along with staff members **Maggie Ivory** and **Marlene Stephens**, provided information and answered visitors' questions about Georgia's writers, libraries, book festivals, book awards and reading promotion activities.

The three also gave away book-marks, posters and copies of *The Way My Granny Told It*, written and illustrated by **Katie Siegel**. Siegel, who hails from Gwinnett County, was this year's winner of the Atlanta Hawks Young Authors Program.

Author **Carmen Agra Deedy** of Decatur visited the Georgia table, talked with visitors and signed autographs, helping the state's table draw steady crowds throughout the day. Deedy's latest book, *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*, served as Georgia's 2007 spotlight book. It was illustrated by fellow Georgian **Michael Austin**. ❖



Stephens, Black and Deedy greet visitors at Georgia's table inside the Pavilion of States.

Genealogy

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Founded a scant 17 years ago, Moultrie's Odom Library is a relative newcomer to the spotlight. The library, which takes up an entire wing of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library, was made possible by a \$1 million bequest from **Ellen Payne Odom**, a library trustee who maintained an avid interest in genealogy until her death in 1987.

"Prior to 1990, we had a small Georgia history collection — maybe 2,000 volumes," explained library system director **Melody S. Jenkins**. "It was so small, my office used to be the history room!"

"Once we received the money from Mrs. Odom, we knew we needed to expand. At the time, **Emmett Lucas** of Southern Historical Press was planning to retire, and he was interested in selling his collection of materials about the southeastern United States, the Civil War and migration routes west. We purchased it as a whole, quadrupling the size of our collection in the process."

The collection took another giant leap forward in 1994, when the local high school's Class of 1944 held a reunion in honor of the 50th

anniversary of D-Day and invited everyone who was graduated within four years of 1944 to attend the festivities and bring pictures related to their or their loved ones' armed service. Organizers used the library to make copies of all the photos and, once the reunion was over, donated the copies — with all the identifying information — back to the library.

Under the guidance of administrative assistant **Catherine Bryant**, who coincidentally began her career at the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library in 1944, these documents formed the beginning of the Odom veterans' history collection. "After that reunion," Jenkins explained, "things snowballed. People from all over the world began sending us photos, family histories and memorabilia.

"We have a piece of shrapnel on display that came from the beach at Normandy. We have uniforms, helmets and an original 3-by-4-foot charcoal drawing by **Howard Chandler Christie**, who is famous for his World War II-era 'Uncle Sam Wants You' posters."

Earlier this year, Odom's board of trustees honored its longest-standing employee by naming the veterans' collection for Bryant.

Although it makes up only about 20 percent of the library's collection, the library is perhaps most famous for its collection of materials concerning Scottish genealogy. In fact, flags of America, Georgia — and Scotland — adorn the library's entrance.

According to genealogy clerk **Ann Glass**, the Odom Library is the archival home for more than 130 Scottish clan organizations. It also

Allen McNeil



Bryant said she is thrilled that the Odom board of trustees has named the library's veterans' collection in her honor.

contains many astoundingly rare books, including an original edition of *Scottish Peerage*, *The Highland Papers* and several Gaelic Bibles. The only set of abstracts of the Lord McDonald Papers in an American Library resides at Odom, along with numerous indexes to Scotland's Old Parish Records (records of baptisms and marriages performed by the Church of Scotland) and 37 indexed volumes of the *Doomsday Books*, which summarize William the Conqueror's survey of England.

Genealogist **Irene Godwin** notes that Odom's outstanding resources are not limited to those with a Scottish slant. American highlights include original bound volumes, published in 1885, of *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*; *Vital Records of the Towns of Massachusetts*, compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society; colonial and state records for both Georgia and North Carolina; and numerous historical records from many counties in Texas.

"We have some real gems
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Jenkins



Glass



Godwin

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here," Jenkins said, noting that Odom has earned an "approved attraction" rating from the American Automobile Association, which features the library in its *AAA Tour Guides* for Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Located in Vidalia's downtown historic district, the Ladson Genealogical Library is the only public library facility in Georgia that is exclusively dedicated to history and genealogy. With more than 50,000 books, pamphlets and other materials, it is one of the largest such facilities in the United States.

It wasn't always so large, according to **Dusty Gres**, director of the Ohoopsee Regional Library System. For more than 20 years, Ladson occupied a non-handicapped-accessible, 1,000-square-foot space in Vidalia's old City Hall. The portion of the building containing the library included two cells from the old city jail. In November 2004, as part of a downtown renovation effort, the facility was relocated next door into an 8,500-square-foot stand-alone space that was once part of an old Belk's department store.

As an integral part of such a high-profile building project, Ladson became an instant cornerstone for Vidalia's downtown revitalization and provided the library's staff — **Rhonda Pullan** and branch manager **Clint Moxley** — with great fodder to keep visitors entertained during their breaks from research.

"In the old facility, we still had toilets in the cells that were part of the library," Gres said with a laugh. "It took the telephone man two days to drill through the cell walls

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Gres examines some of the Ladson's older and more delicate books.

and install our lines there. Now we're in the old Belk's shoe department, but it has turned out to be a beautiful space for us, and it is handicapped-accessible. No one would suspect our humble beginnings."

The construction, renovation and relocation efforts turned out to be easy in comparison to performing needed maintenance on the collection. "To save money, we used prison labor to transfer the books, often using grocery store handcarts," Gres said. "The physical move was surprisingly smooth, but we have been continually performing triage on our materials.

"Many of our books are hundreds of years old — some more than 400 years old. With each book, we'd have to ask ourselves, 'Can it go on the shelf in this condition?' If the answer was no, we re-bound when we could and used special acid-free, museum-quality boxes for the older books that might not have withstood that process."

Ladson specializes in historical papers and genealogy materials from Georgia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia, along with several other mid-Atlantic and New England states. "But we have at

least one book that contains significant genealogical information from every state, including Alaska and Hawaii," Gres said.

The collection originated in the 1940s, when **John E. "Jack" Ladson**, a Colquitt County tobacco warehouseman, began building a personal genealogical library. After retiring to Vidalia in the 1960s, he continued to build his private collection until it outgrew his home. In 1980, he made the materials available to the public through the establishment of The John E. Ladson Jr. Historical and Genealogical Foundation. Staff of the Vidalia-Toombs County Library cataloged the collection and operated the library. When Ladson passed away in 1999, the collection became the property of the Ohoopsee system.

About half of Ladson's 6,000-plus yearly visitors come from within Georgia, Gres said, with smaller percentages "spreading out in concentric circles, like ripples on a pond."

Gres said that one of her favorite sights is a parking lot full of recreational vehicles with out-of-state license plates. "It's wonderful

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The Ladson's new home was once part of a department store.

to hear someone say they wanted to visit us so much that they drove here from Texas," she said, noting that some come from as far away as Europe and the United Kingdom, as well as from many countries in Latin America. "We want to add more Latin American materials, because so many of our newer residents have roots there."

The library recently gained a dash of star quality when it was showcased in an episode of the Georgia Public Broadcasting television show *Georgia Traveler*.

The Genealogical and Historical Room at the Macon-Bibb County Library can't claim a television show, but the library is a stop on the trolley tour that transports visitors around and through Macon's burgeoning museum district, putting it on equal footing with the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Tubman African American Museum and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. Furthering its museum connection, the facility boasts a number of small exhibit spaces that feature rotating displays of photographs and memorabilia about local people and events in Middle Georgia's history. Numerous portraits are on permanent display, as is an original oil painting from 1851 by **M.A. Andrieu** that features the oldest known depiction of Macon.

"It's always a delight when people make the effort to find us and make us part of their vacation plans," said **Joan Anderson**, director of the Middle Georgia Regional Library System. "We certainly get our share of RVs in the parking lot. It's also nice to be part of the city tour. We're flattered to have tour guides talk about us and pleased that the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau promotes us to visitors who might not otherwise know about us."

Popularity, however, can sometimes have its drawbacks. "We occasionally have folks who want to buy things from us," said a smiling **Willard Rocker**, head of the Genealogical and Historical Room. "You can't blame them; we do have some wonderful things here. An original 1747 copy of William Stith's *History of the First Discovery and Settlement of Virginia* and a two-volume set of hand-colored botanical prints from London from the 1760s are among our oldest and most valuable items."

Founded in 1923 by the Mary Hammond Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Macon's genealogy and history collection began with 200 books donated by D.A.R. member **Olive Swann Porter**. In 1979, it moved from an older facility to the Macon-Bibb County Library, where it shares its space and staff with the library-operated Middle Georgia Archives, which was established in 1978. The combined collection has grown to include approximately 33,000 books and 25,000 additional resources on microfilm.

The two collections are so intertwined that visitors would be hard-pressed to tell where one begins and the other ends. "A skillful researcher can make use of both, and we're here to help those who need help navigating all the resources we have to share," said historian **Dr. Christopher Stokes**. He pointed out that approximately 20 authors who used the facility for their research have had books published in recent years.

According to archivist **Muriel Jackson**, the Middle Georgia Archives house virtually every issue of *The Bibb Recorder*, a newspaper that was published between 1920 and 1970 by Bibb Manufacturing for the workers in its cotton mills, along

with all the records and advertising ephemera related to the historic and recently renovated black vaudeville palace, the Douglass Theatre, where legendary blues singers **Ma Rainey**, **Bessie Smith** and **Ida Cox** performed. "We have put the theater material online through Georgia Library HomePLACE," Jackson said, "so Internet users can read about it through GALILEO's Digital Library of Georgia."

Requests for music-related items are increasing in Macon. The Georgia Music Hall of Fame is using a number of photos from the Middle Georgia Archives in its current attraction, "**Otis Redding**: I've Got Dreams To Remember — The 40th Anniversary Exhibition," set to run through Sept. 10, 2008. And people from Australia, England and Germany have visited the library to see its collection of materials about the Allman Brothers Band, one of America's most influential music groups.

Students of architecture will also find plenty to appreciate, because the archives serves as a depository for 9,200 drawings covering more than 700 projects designed by **Ellamae Ellis League**, a pioneering architect who began her career in 1924, when fewer than 2 percent of American architects were women.

"We sometimes surprise ourselves with what we have," Jackson said of the Macon facilities.

Although surprises abound at all the Georgia public libraries that offer historical and genealogical resources, it's no surprise that communities are waking up to the fact that genealogical tourism is fast becoming an integral part of many local economies — and an increasingly significant contributor to the \$28 billion that the Travel Industry Association of America estimates that visitors bring to the state each year. ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lake Blackshear Regional Library, serving Crisp, Dooly, Schley and Sumter counties, will join PINES by the end of 2007, enlarging the statewide consortium to 276 public libraries in 137 counties. Georgia's Public Information Network for Electronic Services — PINES, for short — offers Georgia citizens a shared catalog of more than 8 million items, with a single library card that is welcomed in all member libraries.

Ashley Moore has been named assistant director for the Dougherty County Public Library, based in Albany. A member of the inaugural class of PINNACLE, the Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education,

Moore was previously an assistant branch manager for the Gwinnett County Public Library.

Diana Very has joined GPLS as director of LSTA, Statistics & Research. She will provide training and consulting services to public libraries across the state and will coordinate grants and funding related to the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Very has



Very

more than 12 years of experience in project and grant management in her home state of Missouri at the State Library, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Economic Development.

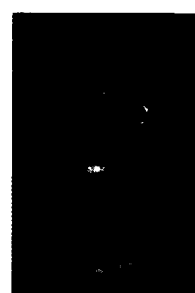
Tim Daniels is the new PINES program manager for GPLS. He will provide training and consulting services to public libraries across the state and will manage the day-to-day activities of the PINES network. Daniels has more than 11 years of library experience, with five years of that in information technology with the University System of Georgia. He was most recently Information Commons Coordinator at Georgia State University.



Daniels

Sally Murphy has joined GPLS as quality assurance engineer. She will provide consulting services to public libraries across the state and

will provide software development, testing and documentation for the PINES network and Evergreen. She was a software development student intern for the PINES program in 2006.



Murphy

Janice Porter is a new library assistant at the Georgia Library for Accessible Services in Atlanta.

GPLS is providing eight scholarships that will allow public library staff members from across the state to attend the National Association of Black Storytellers 25th Annual Conference, to be held in Atlanta Nov. 14-18. Each scholarship includes registration fee, hotel, meals and travel. Winners include **Kaleema Abdurrahman** of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, **Kimberly Cooper** of the East Central Georgia Regional Library, **Vanessa Cowie** of the Forsyth County Public Library, **Jana Gentry** of the West Georgia Regional Library, **Kimberly James Kibbey** of the Athens Regional Library, **Judy Ridenhour** of the Clayton County Library, **Kimberly Sheri Smothers** of the Houston County Public Library and **Karen Turner** of the Chattooga County Library.

Kimberly Cooper, library assistant at the East Central Georgia Regional Library in Augusta; **Linda Bridges**, children's services librarian at Live Oak Public Libraries' Effingham branch; and **Christie Paulk**, youth services librarian for South Georgia Regional Library in Valdosta, have been elected to serve on the Children's Services Quadrant Council from 2007-2009. ■



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With liberty and sunshine for all

Nearly 3,000 people enjoyed the sun-splashed ninth annual Georgia Literary Festival in Blue Ridge, held Sept. 28-30. More than two dozen authors, storytellers and performers presented programs at the festival, the first held in north Georgia's mountains. The festival celebrated the life and work of the late Georgia poet and novelist Byron Herbert Reece (1917-1958) and featured lectures, book signings, children's activities, films, dramatic presentations and vendors from around the Southeast. The 2008 edition of the festival will be held in Bainbridge the last weekend in October.

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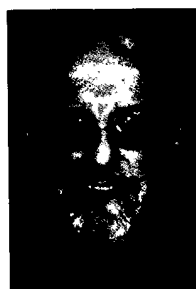
roof replaced. The funds are so needed and so appreciated!"

Other systems receiving funds for roof repairs include: Athens Regional Library System (\$8,250 for the Oglethorpe County Library and \$17,600 for roof repair and water damage at the Royston branch); Coastal Plain Regional Library System (\$7,562.50 for the Irwin County Library); East Central Georgia Regional Library System (\$13,475 for the Appleby branch, \$9,900 for the Friedman branch and \$15,125 for the Maxwell branch); Ocmulgee Regional Library System (\$9,872.50 for the Tessie W. Norris/Cochran-Bleckley County Library); and Sara Hightower Regional Library System (\$13,985.40 for the Cedartown Library).

Public library systems receiving funds for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) repairs include: Athens Regional Library System (\$5,871 for the Oglethorpe County Library); Bartow County Library System (\$11,508.75 for the Cartersville/Bartow County Library); Coastal Plain Regional Library System (\$4,438.50 for the Irwin County Library); Forsyth County Public Library System (\$8,550 and \$5,087.50 for two projects at its Cumming headquarters library); Hall County Library System (\$27,775 each for the East Hall and Murrayville branches); Newton County Library System (\$46,309.50 and \$5,252.50 for two projects at its Covington headquarters facility); Ocmulgee Regional Library System (\$12,574.10 for the Wilcox County Library); Ochopee Regional Library System (\$2,818.75 for the Montgomery County Library); Okefenokee Regional Library System (\$22,400 for the Alma-Bacon County Public Library); Uncle Remus Regional Library System (\$11,435.93

for the Greene County Library and another \$11,476.85 for the Jasper County Library); and West Georgia Regional Library System (\$4,611.01 for the Heard County Public Library, \$20,697.60 for the Neva Lomason Memorial Library and \$6,490 for the Tallapoosa Public Library).

"Our grant was the only solution that allowed us to purchase a replacement for a dead chiller in our HVAC system," said **Greg Heid**, director of the Newton County Library System. "Until we received notification of the grant award, the library board, staff members and the library patrons had resigned themselves to several more summer seasons of warm and uncomfortable



Heid

temperatures in the library until enough funds could be found to cover the replacement cost. We currently are only able to bring temperatures down to 80 or 81 degrees during the hottest days of summer. Thanks to this grant, however, our staff and users will once again enjoy interior temperatures in the low 70s next summer."

Among the remaining grants, Hall County Library System will receive \$50,852.45 for elevator repairs at the Gainesville Public Library; Mountain Regional Library System will receive \$18,700 to repair and replace doors and windows to prevent moisture intrusion at its headquarters library in Young Harris; Roddenberry Memorial Library in Cairo will receive \$16,767.50 to repair and replace doors and windows to prevent moisture intrusion; Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will receive

\$35,031 for HVAC, roof and security system repairs at the Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library; and Thomas County Public Library System will receive \$8,825 for structural upgrades to the Pavo Public Library's subfloor and \$6,123.14 for HVAC and roof repairs at the Coolidge Public Library.

"This is needed money for us," said Hall County Library Director **Adrian Mixson**. "We've had times this past year where both elevators were out, and the problem is so bad that most of my staff will not ride the front elevator." The back elevator, which needs new controls, has also required service intermittently for the past five years.



Mixson

"These grants provide matching funds for essential repair and renovation of public libraries throughout the state," explained Deputy State Librarian **David Singleton**. "The grants leverage both local and state funds to improve facilities in numerous communities. All funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis and will be based on actual remediation and repair costs."

The MRR program is a legislative initiative that provides \$900,000 in state appropriations to match local funds earmarked for major renovations and repairs for public libraries. MRR grants will pay up to 50 percent of approved costs associated with roof and structural repairs of existing public libraries. The remaining \$326,874.02 will be allocated in a second round of grants at a later date. ■

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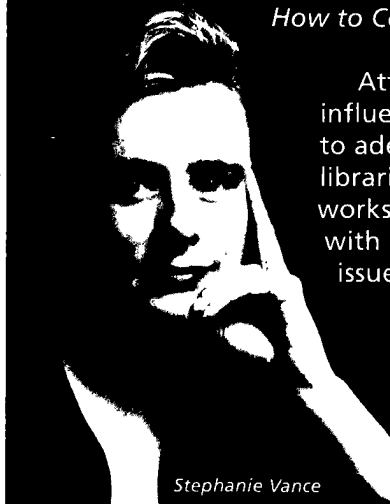
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Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL) has announced its annual fall workshop will take place Friday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Decatur Library Auditorium.

"Grassroots Advocacy: Shaking the Money Tree" will feature Stephanie D. Vance, the nationally known "advocacy guru" and author of *Government by the People: How to Communicate with Congress*.



Stephanie Vance

Attendees will learn how to influence local government agencies to adequately fund Georgia's public libraries. According to Vance, the workshop will be highly interactive with plenty of opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions.

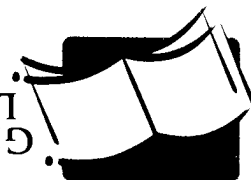
The workshop includes a speaker's reception on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. For registration info, visit www.georgia-friends.org.



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